

Education Committee Meeting
Thursday, Feb. 12 2015 6:30 p.m.

Present: Danna Bacon, Katrinka Dicke, Sondra Buell, Nancy Anderson, Connie Binder.

Opening Prayer: Sondra
Minutes stood approved as read.

Danna shared a website from a church in Colorado that emphasizes educational opportunities for children, teachers and parents. Sunrise United Methodist Church.

Old Business:

Plaques for Confirmands: We decided to ask Lisa Sedivy. If she says no, we'll make the plaques on the computer. We decided to make the boys' plaques more masculine like the poster on Sondra's wall.

Teacher Appreciation gifts: Decided on geraniums. They will be used in worship to explain Pentecost. Connie volunteered to help.

Children's Day in Worship: We'll pass around sign-up sheets for students to help starting this Sunday. Sondra will email the committee for adult volunteers to help her ON that day. Danna and Katrinka will help if here.

Dan Landon has started celebrating students' birthdays with gifts of pencils, etc.

We discussed asking someone to take photos for Sun. School Appreciation Sunday. Connie volunteered Gary. Sondra will ask him.

New Business:

We've been doing Sun. morning "assemblies". The kids voted that the money collected will go to the City Mission and that kids will go shopping for supplies. We decided that the 3rd, 4th and 5th graders will shop at 10:00 on Sunday, Mar. 1 at WalMart. The speaker from the City Mission will come on Mar. 22 to accept the gift.

Sondra will do the Children's Sermons during Lent, and they will correspond with the Parables of Lent, the theme being used by Pastor Scott.

Butterfly Unit during Lent: Sondra can buy 10 caterpillars and the container for \$29.99. She will compare butterflies to the death and resurrection of Jesus.

VBS: Theme will be Cokesbury's "GForce". P.E.T. project – Personal Energy Transportation device – we can get one to have here at VBS. One costs \$250. That could be where the offering goes. We might get a "Blender Bike" that makes a shake by exercising on a bike.

Goals for Children's Ministries:

We discussed the importance of learning Bible verses. We discussed the program of Awanas. The United Methodist version is called Pioneers' Club.

Discussed ways to educate parents to help their children understand Bible stories, and teach parents how to talk about God to their children. It doesn't all have to be classes. We need something to be fun for parents AND kids. The BINGO night was a success. Talked about doing a Pet Blessing. We made an Advent Wreath in Dec. Talked about making a Lenten cross from candles. Candles are extinguished as Lent proceeds until it is all dark. Christmas caroling is a great family event.

Idea: Drive-in Movie evening. Could project on the shed. Tune in to radio station. Danna has popcorn maker. Could attach it to the end of VBS. There is a kids' movie called GForce. Could make cars out of boxes that parents would bring for each child.

Passport idea: How do we manage? Tabled because of time.

Lenten crosses: Should start the week after Ash Wed. We need to promote it, and time is too short. Decided to wait until next year.

Next meeting: Thurs., Apr. 9 at 6:30.