

**ORCHARD VALLEY PASTORAL CHARGE
CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Thursday, August 31, 2017

Present: Kathy Schofield, Judy Norton, Linda Draper, Lorna MacNeil, Amanda Dominey, Andy Pitter

Regrets: Heather Hennigar, Cheryl Hill, Meg Townsend

Volunteer chair and opening prayer: Judy

Minutes: May 18, 2017; corrected and approved

Old Business

Duty of care: nothing new to report

Camp sponsorship: Congregational Life collected about \$1530 in total. Andy, Gail Gordon and Judy spent this on accommodations at Berwick Camp for three families (5 adults, 9 children/youth), registration fees at Sherbrooke Lake (SLC) for three families attending the 1st family camp (4 adults, 10 children/youth) and part of the gas money for one family attending the 2nd family camp there on a SLC sponsorship. We spent \$65.35 on gas money for Berwick and both SLC camps (in addition to the \$600 we had already spent on Berwick registration fees). It would be good to have a policy on gas money for next summer so email decisions aren't necessary. Gail, Judy and Andy need to discuss how they spent the sponsorship money and maybe also make a policy for next summer. At Berwick Camp, smoking was the most serious issue, which was resolved during camp.

Seniors' worship: Grace Oleskevich and Myah Hawley did an excellent job with their teachers, Linda and Heather, in offering 2 dramatic worship elements plus they sang an anthem at Kings Riverside Court in June. Andy led the worship; Nancy Handrigan played.

Y'All Come to Supper: George Dunfee did a fingerprinting presentation with the few kids present at the May supper. Perhaps advertise next time. Andy suggested committee members take turns providing the program especially with Judy pulling back. Lorna will look after it for Sept 26 (5 pm-ish).

Sunday School: Closing and old-fashioned picnic were a grand time with good food. Chris Seymour led the races with help from Bruce and Sue Smith. Hilda Burton donated candy for a candy scramble again.

Correspondence: none

Reports

Lectionary: Judy is no longer involved but will check in with Joanne Olive.

New Business

New children's curriculum and Sunday School: Some of our curriculum order is delayed but everyone can download the leaders' guides (website: deepbluekids.com; user names: earlyelem, middleelem, olderelem; password for all: 130cornwallis); we can even access the preschool and junior high guides. There are materials for a "launch party" we will use to start on Sept 10. Linda and Kathy will lead; Andy will email parents. The curriculum also includes weekly take-home

sheets for the parents. We need more teachers and need to do the roster differently so people aren't teaching Sun after Sun and they know well in advance when they are teaching. It'd be good to have music help as well. Judy will ask for teachers via the announcements. We won't ask for help from Acadia students via Acadia's FYI email group because of negative feedback; Andy will just ask SMILE director Roxanne Seaman again. We will have a teachers' meeting on Sept 14, 7 pm.

Next meeting: Sept 21, 2017

Closing prayer: Judy