

Christian Education Committee
Wednesday August 13, 2008
Minutes

Members present: Elizabeth O'Brien, Casey FitzGerald, and Patrick Hunnicutt

1. Welcome

At 7:40 Patrick read the first two verses of Psalm 127, and after a brief discussion, opened the meeting with a prayer.

2. Youth News and Programs

- Patrick reported that both the Senior High and Middle School youth groups had successful trips this summer.
- The Middle School and Senior High youth will have their beginning-of-the-year breakfast in Fellowship Hall at 9:45 on Sunday September 7.
- The Middle School class will use the on-line curriculum *Student Life Bible Study*, which was used last year. This year's focus is on character, as illustrated by Old Testament stories. Nancy Todd will teach.
- Confirmation class will begin in October for eighth and ninth graders. The class will use the same curriculum as last year, *We Believe*.
- Senior High Fellowship will have a September retreat at Meadowkirk.
- The Youth Variety Show fundraiser is set for Nov. 1.
- Patrick is still recruiting advisors for youth programs.

3. Children's Ministry and Programs

- Casey reported on the first meeting of the Children's Ministry Team, a parent group formed to help plan programs for children and families. Their first event will be a Chili Dinner at the Hill residence on September 13 for WPC families with children. The team also discussed the need for programming during worship for kindergarteners and first graders following the children's sermon.
- This year's Creation Station curriculum addresses issues such as peer pressure, honesty, forgiveness and respect. During the education hour, Casey will teach correlating classes for parents on each of these topics. Carolyn Burke and Pam Beard will also teach a class on disciplining toddlers. Casey will consult with Clara Beth about scheduling these classes.
- The Morning for Moms program continues to be well-attended. It will shift from Wednesdays to Friday mornings after the start of the school year to accommodate some working mothers and children in preschool.
- The CE committee discussed having children ten and older assist the adult volunteers in one-and-two, three, and four-year-olds classrooms during worship.

4. Next meeting

The CE Committee plans to meet next on September 10. The committee discussed the possibility of daytime meeting by conference call to accommodate various schedules.

Casey closed the meeting with prayer at 9:00.