

## FAITH FORMATION BOARD MINUTES 9-26-17

Present: Jennifer Williams, Debbie Evans, Deborah Miller, Aedan Barnes, Geoff Gersen, Canon Jim Hanisian, Tom Griffin and Nan Bush

Following a prayer by Canon Jim, Chairman Nan Bush opened the meeting by asking each representative to give their main focus or goal for the year.

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH PROGRAM:** Serving about 15 young people weekly. Difficult to find volunteers despite the number of retired teachers in the congregation; important to encourage more volunteers to help with this ministry.

**YOUTH:** Few teens; program will need assistants to help provide more activities to increase the youth membership. Suggest calling upon the youth to assist with church events and find ways to finance youth mission trips, cooperate with other churches.

**LIBRARY:** Mission of the library is to provide books and materials to help educate the Church in its spiritual mission. Library is growing and being reorganized, revitalized.

**LABYRINTH:** Debbie's participation in local outreach has made her aware of the thanks of non-St. Philip's people for the labyrinth. The ministry will continue to provide information and care, to encourage its use for meditation and prayer to the community and the church.

**ADULT CLASSES:** Sunday classes thriving under Canon Jim. Need to provide more types of course subjects and to recruit more than one layperson to teach. Plans are under way.

**YOUTH NURSERY:** Has paid staff because of lack of volunteers - grandparents welcome.

**STEWARDSHIP:** Has also had difficulty recruiting engaged helpers. Formation emphasis will focus on Time, Talent, Treasure as the basis for all stewardship.

**YOGA:** Not represented but has a small, engaged group participating.

**CANON JIM:** Summarized the organizational process for our Program church.

**CHAIRMAN NAN:** Asked for individual budget needs for 2018. Summarized outlook of the meeting as indicating we are beginning at ground zero, will continue toward next year according to what is possible and work for growth, knowing we have each other's backs. Spirituality begins here, moves outward.

**NEXT MEETING:** October 24th at 4:00 P.M.

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