

## Children's Ministry Team Minutes

March 19,2008

Attendees: Cathy Black, Richard Koester, Linda Smith-Gregory, Al Straton, Helen Deleon  
Absent: Lauren Balletto, Rachel Boeckenhauer, Melissa Tremont, Wendy Noriega.

Our committee meeting was opened with a devotional and scripture by Cathy Black, followed by a welcome and introductions to our new member, Al Straton . It was noted that several committee members were unavailable secondary to family commitments and Spring Break .

### Sunday school / GIGL

The Sunday morning children's program attendance has greatly increased and most important there is more regular attendance, Children are anxious to return the following Sunday and keep in touch with their small group members. Each Sunday 8:30am GIGL has 2-6 children and 11:00 am 15-20 children.. The team continues to look for more leaders for GIGL .Suggestion was made to approach parents and new retirees to assist. Plans for the Easter egg hunt were finalized: toddler –preschool will hunt on the first floor, those in K-5<sup>th</sup> will hunt on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Ed Building. *Cathy Black took an action to remind Youth for the need of helpers to hide the eggs Easter morning before the 8:30 service.*

### Mission: Vicki Smith Project, One Great Hour of Sharing, Heifer/Ark

The shipment arrived safely to Vicki Smith in Jamaica . What excitement!! Vicki was so thrilled to receive all the boxes and is waiting for her students reaction once they return from their school break. She sends the church a big hug and photos will follow. What a very successful joint venture between the Mission and Children's Ministry teams and the overwhelming support by WPC family. Thanks.

The children participated in One Great Hour of Sharing. Several fish boxes were collected. The Heifer/Ark project is needing to be completed. Linda Smith -Gregory provided the team with an update on the status of the current purchases. This will again be one of our mission projects for Vacation Bible school. The National Program has family mission trip to the headquarters in Arkansas. This would be an exciting opportunity to explore for the completion of our arc. A Heifer/Ark "Minute for Mission" was discussed and plans made for children to participate. Cathy Black will contact the Missions team to coordinate this activity.

### VBS

The VBS team lead by Nina Moede had their first meeting Thursday March13, 2008. VBS is scheduled for June 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> with it's celebration service June 15<sup>th</sup> at the 8:30 am service. The room beside the Resource Room is going to be designated the VBS storage Rm..Cathy Black and Mary Lawrence ,from Worship Team will schedule a meeting with Pastor Mark to discuss parameters of this worship service. The children can play an active part in Sunday Worship Service and share their enthusiasm and learning with the WPC family. The committee enthusiastically agreed on the Power Lab , Discovering Jesus` Miraculous Power curriculum. We discussed putting a cap on dinner for family unit. We already have volunteers signed up to assist with this event thanks to the Ministry Fair. This event will be supported by the Youth and Adult Ministries.

### Wednesday Night Programming

Wednesday night Children's Program is currently focusing on Relationship building games/ activities. The Ready, Set Worship program is scheduled to start in April . This curriculum focuses on the basic elements of worship..We are in need of leaders to assist . *Cathy Black will follow up with the Christian Nurture Committee regarding possible coordination with the Youth and Adult teams.*

Christian Nurture Meeting

The Adult ; Youth and Children's Ministries are focusing ways to support each other and coordinate services. The next Intergenerational Activity is the Easter Sunday breakfast and program.

Each team will be reviewing their mission statement; goals and objectives. This will enable the Christian Nurture team to establish their goals and overall objectives for the year

Each Children `s Ministry Meeting will be opened with our vision and goals in order to focus our discussion.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Cathy Black

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Next Children`s Ministry Team Meeting will be 6:30 pm April 16, 2008 in the Parent's Retreat Room.

Respectfully submitted by Cathy Black, Children's Ministry Elder