



CALL TO ORDER

Monday, March 17, 2025 at 4:59 PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Breanna Koval, Kathy Dimmer, Kerry Anderson, Beth Mauch, Leah Leraas, Lisa Bassingthwaite, Pastor Amy

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, seconded and approved.

MEETING NOTES

REPORTS

1. Treasurer Report
 - a. Youth Gathering Funds
 - i. Money made from Ash Wednesday going into the Youth Gathering Funds.
 - ii. Looking for additional funds to send as many kids as possible.
 - b. Children's Library Funds
 - i. Lisa was looking to close out the Children's library account b/c it's not being utilized and is hard to govern. Example: We have no formal checkout system so books are taken but not returned, resulting in a depleted library over time.
 - ii. Some people donate to this account for memorials.
 - iii. Suggestion made to change the fund to "itty bitty" and update the Memorial's option listings.
 - c. Wednesday School Offering
 - i. Note that this will deplete in March as we utilize it for Wednesday School end of year programing.
2. Children & Youth Education Programming
 - a. Wednesday School
 - i. We have six Wednesday's left. April 30th is the last night
 - ii. Planning is in the works for an end of year celebration.
 - b. Itty Bitty Believers Book Club
 - i. Complete for the year. They've requested more frequent next year. They only stopper could be the cost.
 - c. Adult Education Ideas – Leah
 - i. **Walk N Talks** – Preselected topics, walking around golf course or other areas for walking discussions.
 - ii. Leah, Amy and Lisa will brainstorm for walk and talks.
 - iii. **Bible studies about environmental sustainability** (includes outreach, publicity)
 - Look to planning for kick-off next Spring to allow planning time.
 - Reusable bag idea
 - Possibly tie in with Earth Day (April)



- What phrase would we use? “Be the love”
- iv. Bible Based Tips for Stress Relief
- v. Tie into plans with the Outreach Committee
- vi. Play off of the Stars/Words Amy had the congregation do and expand on it.
- vii. Bible Messages and how they translate into hunger/housing struggles.
- viii. Campfire/Sunset reflection education event for adults. Renewal, letting go, etc
- ix. Explore opportunities to partner with the Book Club
- x. **Adult Bible Trivia**
 - This could start out as basic knowledge and subsequent sessions could expand into history of Bethel, Martin Luther, etc.
 - Could be held at the church or in a local bar/restaurant
 - Potential for something to focus on for a Fall activity
 - Could handout a card/pamphlet of where to go for more information on the information learned during the session for attendees.
- d. Planning Council Meeting - Breanna shared topics
- e. Pastor’s Report - Planning stages for Adult Confirmation

OLD BUSINESS

- a. STEAM Event was successful, 40 kids
- b. Gymnastics Event. 53 kids, several moms stayed and visited with each other

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Hop Into Spring (April 5th, 9:30AM) – Painting project w/Tami Shrek – Open for all ages
- b. Good Friday Day Camp (April 18: 9:00)
- c. Confirmation Rehearsal (April 27, 5:30. Dinner at 6:15) -Pasta trays from Sam’s club and salad
- d. Senior Sunday (May 11 – Mother’s day) – simplifying since it lands on Mother’s day.
- e. VBS (June 23-26) – Plan to invite other churches to join “Up North” is theme.
- f. Everyone to review the **Christian Education Guidebook** and add suggestions/edits by next board meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 5:30 PM

MOTIONS

1. Motion to change the name of the “Children’s Library Fund” to “Itty Bitty Believers Fund”. Motion was seconded and carried.

ADJOURNMENT AND LORD’S PRAYER