

May 9, 2017

## **Status of Active Visioning Committee Initiatives**

Church Movie – Given that we had a snow storm the day of Fun Night, it was a great success. More people showed up than expected, and there was a good crowd of children. The only shortcoming was that the volume was set too low for some people. For future movies, we need to remember to ask if the volume is OK after the movie has been showing for a minute or two.

After-School Instruction for Children – Aimed at grade school children, this will be a good way to feed into the Youth Group, not to mention initiating the children’s religious instruction. We are considering providing the instruction weekly on Wednesdays right after school lets out. The idea is to walk the children from school to the church, and that will likely take two adults. We would like to start at the beginning of the new school year. Our biggest challenge will be to find volunteers to give the instruction and to walk with the children. Jan has already agreed to teach. The teacher would also be one of the walkers. Linda will help to the extent she can, which might be quite limited due to another commitment. To begin the search for more volunteers, Rich will write an article to insert into the worship service bulletin. Background checks will be required. Many of the prospective teachers may already have them from working or volunteering at the school. Jan will see if we can get documentation for them. Those who need to get background checks can do it through the Conference “Safe Gathering” program. We will offer, but not require, additional training for safely dealing with children. The current cost for the background check and training is \$32.50 per person. The training, if desired, can be done online.

Pot Lucks – With 48 people attending, the pot luck gathering on May 7 was very successful. We discussed the frequency of such events, and decided that about quarterly is good; more frequent pot lucks might have the effect of getting stale (no pun intended). At future pot lucks, designating someone to oversee the setup would make the setup go more smoothly.

Summer Activities – Some visitors and summer residents may from time to time find they have nothing to do. This presents an opportunity to attract them to a special event scheduled in the June-August time frame. Ideas include a movie, fun night, and game night. We will give this more thought before next summer.

Our next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Thursday, June 23, 2017.

### **Calendar of Visioning Committee Events**

<b>June:</b>	<b>December: 2nd – Christmas decorations Advent Sturdy 1<sup>st</sup> two Sundays</b>
<b>July:</b>	<b>January:</b>
<b>August: 6th – 125th Anniversary Celebration</b>	<b>February: Pot Luck on the 4th</b>
<b>September: Bring a kid to church month</b>	<b>March: Movie</b>
<b>October:</b>	<b>April: Dinner &amp; and Movie</b>
<b>November: Pot Luck on the 5<sup>th</sup> Advent Sturdy 1<sup>st</sup> two Sundays</b>	<b>May: Pot Luck on the 6th</b>