

Status of Active Visioning Committee Initiatives

After-School Instruction for Children – Jan and Chris recommend a curriculum produced by David C. Cook, which is the one Chris uses for Sunday School. This curriculum is produced in 3 editions: one for preschoolers, one for early elementary children, and one for late elementary students. It is inexpensive and seems perfectly suited. Jan will purchase a teacher’s guide for one or more of the editions and assess how it might be adapted for a wider range of ages. “If one-room school houses worked in year gone by, we can make this work.” Some people in the congregation have expressed an interest in having an after-school program for older kids. All will be welcome. The older students might even be able to help and mentor the younger ones.

Some people who showed interest in volunteering have not known who to contact. We will make sure contacts are named when making future announcements about the program during church service. People who have volunteered to help with the program so far are as follow:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Instruct</u>	<u>Walk</u>	<u>Drinks/ Snacks</u>	<u>Instructors’ Aid</u>	<u>Other</u>
Jan	X	X			
Dana		X		X	
Lucy	X	X			
Linda	X				
Rich		X			
Jay		X			
Devin	X				
Nicole					X
Erin			X		
UMW			X		

All who will be working with children are expected to complete the background check offered by Safe Gatherings on the web site <https://safegatherings.com/app/registration>. The Committee recommends renewing this every 5 years. There may not be an existing written policy on this, and if not, we recommend that the Administrative Council set one. We also request the Ad Council approve funding for the background checks and for the training materials. (Subsequent to the meeting, Jay determined that the funding for background checks has already been approved.)

Bring a Kid to Church Month – We are prepared for this to occur, starting the second week in September. Jan expects to have the posters up this week. Committee members have purchased 30 devotionals entitled *Jesus is Calling You* for those children who got Bibles last year, and 20 children’s Bibles for those who did not get them. We will ask for reimbursement from the Ad Council.

Bible Study – Gail has been in touch with Patty, and they recommend the 6-week study on Forgiveness to be held sometime during the first quarter of next year.

Comfort Boxes – We will discuss this at the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Thursday, September 21, 2017.

Calendar of Visioning Committee Events

September
Bring a Kid to Church month

March
Movie

October

April
Dinner and a Movie

November
Pot Luck on 5th
Advent Study 1st two Sundays

May
Pot Luck on the 6th

December
Advent Study 1st two Sundays

June

January
Study on Forgiveness (or in Feb or Mar)

July

February
Pot Luck on the 4th

August