

NWOA Faith Formation Team minutes

January 22, 2015

Present: Marilyn Deever, Donna Dorsch, David Culp, Michelle Dyar, Jan Bechtel, Katie Jackson, Dan Busch, Jenny Jackson. **Absent:** Barb Osbourne, Phyllis Riley, Wade Pond, Cathy Lawrence (at another meeting.) Jenny will check with absent team members to see if they plan to continue on the team.

The meeting began with a quotation from Marcus Borg on the Way of Jesus, and a prayer by Michelle Dyar.

Minutes from the November meeting were shared. David moved, Marilyn seconded, that they be accepted. Motion passed.

Old Business

Faith Practices reviews

- The Faith Practices reviews are not showing up in the Vine. We will need to remind Joan that they will be submitted monthly, and printed in each edition that month. The purpose is to familiarize people and churches with this resource. Reviews should include information about how to access the site and how to use the resources. It was suggested that each time we repeat the introduction from Michelle's original post.
- Katie Jackson's January review has been submitted, and should be in the next Vine.
- Headline to use on each month's post: "Hospitality Faith Practice for [month]: [focus: Young Children, Daily Lives, etc.]
- Jenny Jackson will send her review from December to all team members as an example.
- Reviewed assignments:

February	Donna Dorsch	Young Children
March	Wade Pond	Youth
April	Jan Bechtel	Daily Lives
May	David Culp	Worship

Update from links:

Lakeshore—Jenny Jackson—did not meet

Auglaize—Michelle Dyar—no report

Sandusky—no link

Cabinet—David Culp—will be resigning after Annual Meeting

We will need to choose a Sandusky link and a replacement for David as Cabinet. Usually the Cabinet link has been the Team chair.

New Business

Evangelism Workshop

The Lay School is planning an Evangelism and Stewardship workshop this spring or fall, and has asked for our help with this. Jenny will email Susan Bishop to find out more. Cathy Lawrence stopped in from her other meeting to give us more details. Rev. Tim Dixon will be speaking on evangelism at the NWOA Annual Meeting in April, and was suggested as a possible choice to lead the workshop later. Since this is a requirement for Lay School, they will come up with criteria for the workshop (length, content, etc.), and Faith Formation will advertise and promote it.

NWOA Annual Meeting

Faith Formation will host the Evangelism workshop by Rev. Tim Dixon. We will not lead one on Hospitality, but will look for ways to integrate those faith practices in the meeting. Because there is no space in the worship times for these, Faith Formation team members are to look for simple practices in their assigned Hospitality focus that people can do during the meeting day, and bring their suggestions to the March meeting. We will distribute the list of the practices at the start of the annual meeting. The list may include a form to fill out to be turned in at the end for a "prize." This could generate a mailing/contact list. Michelle will look for the display material on Faith Practices she created for last year's annual meeting so that we can have a display.

Annual Meeting report: Jenny passed out her rough draft for comment; corrections were made to the list of members, and the Faith Practices website information was added.

Future FF meetings/other issues:

- **March meeting date was changed from March 19 to March 26.** Skype/phone-in will be available for those who can't make it on that date.
- David will not be available to do the devotion for our May meeting; Donna volunteered to bring it.
- Jenny will update names and addresses of FF team members.
- Updated address: Rev. Michelle Dyar: revdyar@gmail.com; PO Box 22, Bluffton, OH 45817; 317-658-5502 (cell)
- It was noted that the Faith Formation blog link on the NWOA page is now inactive, and should be removed.

Jenny closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Bechtel

FF team secretary