

## January 20 Preschool Ministry Team Meeting Notes

1. **Saturday February 7<sup>th</sup>** will be a preschool cleaning day. We need all the volunteers we can get to show up at the church that morning from 9:30 until 11:30 and help us clean the nursery and all preschool rooms thoroughly – including working to spruce up the preschool supply room. Bulletin inserts will go in the bulletins next Sunday and an announcement will be made from the pulpit.
2. **Friday February 13<sup>th</sup>** is the next Parent's Night Out hosted by Shannon Carpenter and Jan Frasier. There was quite a bit of discussion regarding parents night out and availability of the facilities for use by FBC members for member functions – specifically the CLC building. Dana mentioned that she brought it up at staff meeting and was told that so long as Roger has the list of events he can schedule, but that has historically not proven to be the case as the Christian church basketball league practices have always had priority in scheduling. Specifically, Heather T and Heather S, as well as Brenda and others, said they were not comfortable having parents night out when the gym was being used by outsiders – that it is too dangerous and too difficult keeping up with our kids. Molly suggested that Joe Snodgrass and other husband/deacons associated with our preschool ministry bring up the subject of scheduling in the CLC and priorities associated with member activities because right now we are unclear as to what the policy is. Shannon and Jan need to get with Roger Rose ASAP to determine availability on Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>.
3. Is there a coordinating adult function scheduled for February 13<sup>th</sup> – a fellowship opportunity where parents can take advantage of the parents night out? If not, there should be given the valentine holiday. Suggestions?
4. Meredith Lewis has volunteered to do a KidMusic event for preschoolers and parents on **Friday February 20<sup>th</sup>** to backfill an open activity slot resulting from Natalie Frasure's closing of Let's Play (*where we had a February event scheduled*).
5. **Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup>** will be our 2009 Preschool Planning Day. I am going to host at my house and provide breakfast and lunch. We will begin at 9:00 and be finished by 4:00 that day. More details to come.
6. **Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup>** POPS will host an Resurrection Egg Scavenger Hunt at the American Legion park from 1:00 til 3:00. Molly is going to coordinate with help from Shayla. This year the event will be more of a scavenger hunt-type activity where children will look for each of the 12 resurrection eggs to receive a prize. Molly is going to see if Mary Lou can coordinate preparing the eggs using children's/teens missions groups and see if our adult ladies' School school classes will provide sweet treats for after the hunt. More details to follow.
7. Dana announced that there will be no Summer Jam this summer.
8. Dana announced that this summer on Wednesday nights in July FBC will focus on scheduling family oriented activities to emphasize family worship/relationships. She is looking for ideas. Some suggestions were a drive in movie at the church, a family Olympics, etc. If you have suggestions, please give them to Dana.

9. Dana summarized her week at the children's ministry conference and shared some new infant materials she purchased for use in the nursery. We discussed purchasing a kidney shaped table for the nursery that has seats attached so we can have periods of musical interaction with the infants using new materials and that table. Molly is going to be in charge of cleaning and reorg of the nursery on February 7<sup>th</sup>, so she will facilitate a new set up on that day. Dana suggested selling some of the cribs and using the money to purchase the new kidney shaped table.
10. Molly discussed some of the materials that Natalie Frasure has for sale – specifically the possibility of buying a preschool table and a preschool kidney shaped table (without attached seats) and some new chairs for us in the 2s room. Molly is going to revisit this with Natalie and check on the availability of those items.
11. Pam Rowe mentioned that the lady who did the Sunday School teacher training recently was very surprised at our lack of a formal sign in- sign out procedure in our preschool areas. We revisited last years request for a pager system (which is what the woman has at her church and what we previously identified as needed for our preschool wing). Molly is going to revisit this.
12. Shannon Carpenter notified Molly several weeks ago that the preschool story hour has been cancelled until the summer.
13. There was a lot of discussion about the volunteers for our preschool programs. Dana asked that everyone look at the volunteer lists that Molly prepared last year and make obvious corrections, adjustments, additions, etc. Here's essentially what came of the discussion:
  - a. Molly will review all revisions to the lists and create a schedule of volunteers for the 2/3, 4/5, and G-Force worship services. She will post those schedules to the internet, along with a list of who is leading those worship services in what months.
  - b. Molly will make sure everyone gets a post card reminder the week before their scheduled date. Those reminders will tell folks that if they cannot fulfill their commitment, they need to contact the worship leader DIRECTLY to let them know they will not be there the following Sunday. This will prevent a lot of scrambling at the last minute.
  - c. Pam Rowe agreed to be the permanent 2/3 worship leader again beginning February 15<sup>th</sup>. So there will be no more leader rotation for that group.
  - d. The 4/5 worship will continue to be lead by a rotation of volunteers.
  - e. Molly will schedule at least bi-monthly special joint preschool worships to give the worship leaders a break. Brenda McGregor will help her with the joint worship activities.
  - f. There was considerable discussion and frustration regarding the difficulty associated with getting folks to volunteer. No new discussion here essentially, same problems, same hurdles, no real solutions but a positive effort to try to come up with some alternate volunteer strategies.