

**REPORT TO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL  
FROM  
PROGRAM TEAM**

**FEBRUARY 18,2009**

COMMITTEE: **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

REPORTING PERIOD : **08/05/15-09/02/18**

SUBMITTED BY: **MURDOCK MORRISON, CO-CHAIR OF PROGRAM**

**ACTIONS COMPLETED OR ON-GOING FOR THIS PERIOD**

- This committee had not met since April, 2008 and there were no minutes that were available to me to review
- I called a meeting for Nov.6/08 and made an agenda for the meeting
- Valerie, Krista Jupp( Supt.of Sunday School), Joanne West( committee member) and Bruce MacDonald( chair of CE Committee) and myself were present
- **Curriculum( Seasons of the Spirit)** was reviewed and how it is being used
- **Christmas activities for the Sunday School** was reviewed by Krista and she gave us the outline of the 4 pm service involving the children. It will be a pageant involving the girls choir, costumes for the children, music with Hark the Herald being the background theme
- There is a **Structure** that is followed( use of candles, circle time, sing along, crafts, music, etc) that is working very well for the children in SS.
- There still remains the **difficulty in getting teachers for the SS** and this puts a lot of stress on Krista and her staff of volunteers. At this time there are 7 regular teachers to work with 7 different classes( 2-3 year olds, 4 year old, Primary, Gr. 1, Gr.2, Gr.3 and Gr. 4-5) .Ideally there should be a team( 2 teachers per class) and Krista would like to have at least 5 more teachers.
- The **use of our Youth members** as teachers in the SS to fill in is not the solution as they need to be in the programs for the youth that Sarah Sampson is leading
- **Strategies** that could be used were discussed as to how to get more teachers and there have been attempts to do this with little success so far
- **There is a sub list of potential teachers** and they will need to be called
- The **treasurer for the SS ( Debby Lilly)** has resigned as of the end of December/08 and a new treasurer is needed
- A full discussion of **setting up a database for Krista** so that she could have access to the parents of the children in SS would be very helpful as she needs to communicate with them on a regular basis. Bruce was to do this in conjunction with Bob Watt and his database from Church Watch. This has not been done and is delaying the work that Krista needs to do prior to Christmas. MRM is going to look into this and try to get this project completed immediately
- A **budget review** was discussed and MRM will contact Carolyn to find out the expenditures to date and the amount in the budget

### **ACTIONS TO DATE AND ON-GOING**

- The **completion of the Database** for the SS must be done immediately
- **The search for new SS teachers** will need to be a priority as it is crucial to the success of our SS in the future
- The need **to find a Treasurer** is also a priority

### **BUDGET TO DATE AND EXPENDITURES:**

This will be reviewed with Carolyn to get an accurate account of the budget for the CE committee.

### **ACTIONS NEEDED BY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE:**

- To support the efforts to **populate the CE committee**
- To support the efforts to **recruit more SS teachers** as soon as possible
- To review the idea of a **Nominating Committee** within the governance model in order to facilitate the need for a recruitment plan for all working committees in our church