

SALT Minutes
2-26-09

Attendees: Cindy Squire, Larry Squire, Elaine Masters, Stewart Hebel, Dan Creed, Barbara McCrory, Josh Hebel, and Brandon Moore

On Thursday, February 26, 2009 at 6:30 pm the Salt committee met at Cargill United Methodist Church. An opening devotion and prayer were given by Cindy Squire. The following topics were discussed:

Sr. High Mission trip – Barb McCrory brought information about the Sr. High trip. Cargill will be partnering with a group called Reconstruct. The Sr. High will be traveling to Nashville, TN from June 20-28, 2009. The main focus will be serving some of the lower income population working on home improvements. The cost per person will be \$475. This cost may be reduced by fundraising.

Jr. High Mission trip – Larry and Cindy Squire will be organizing the Jr. High mission trip. They will be looking into a mission trip to Minneapolis, MN the week of July 12th. Further details and cost are being worked on.

Youth Mission Meeting - A parent/youth mission meeting is being planned for Sunday, March 8th after the 2nd church service. Information packets will be given out and sign up will be encouraged for both Jr. and Sr. High.

Fundraising – It was suggested that the youth die-cut hands and feet out of construction paper to sell for a fundraising activity. The fundraiser will begin the Sunday after Easter with a suggestion of buying a hand or foot for \$5.00 each. The feet and hands will be displayed in the hallways of the sanctuary and narthex.

Pretzels for Mother's Day – Dan Creed mentioned that the youth could make chocolate covered stick type pretzels and sell them for Mother's Day in May. More details to come at the next meeting.

Helping Hands Youth Service Project – This would be a spring project where the youth could help members of Cargill with spring projects such as yard work, repairs, trimming bushes, etc. Cindy will check with Mardel Wien to organize this project. Larry mentioned that we could possibly pair up with the Promise Keepers for this project. Dave Brown would be the contact person for the Promise Keepers.

Lenten theme during Youth Group – It was decided that the next five Sundays include the Lenten bible study themes during a portion of youth group. All members agreed this was a good idea.

Palm Sunday Coffee fellowship – The youth will be in charge of coffee fellowship on Palm Sunday. It was suggested that we need 25 dozen of baked goods or snack mix or fruit. A sign up sheet will be available at youth group or posted on the youth bulletin board.

Echo Easter Baskets – Elaine suggested that the youth could assist in assembling Easter Baskets for the community. The assembling of the baskets will take place at the Echo building downtown on April 6th at 9 a.m. Echo is looking for donations of baskets, wrapped candy, coloring books etc. This will be announced at youth group prior to April 6th. Elaine will pick up any youth interested at Cargill the morning of April 6th. Plan to assemble for approximately 2 hours.

Financial Report – The financial report was handed out. The income from the Sub Sales will show up on the February report. Elaine stated we had an income of \$828. and expenses of \$279.08, leaving a profit of \$548.92. It was suggested to combine the Guardian Angel fund and the Well fund into one fund. Also, we can eliminate the line item CYO and Flamingo Fest which would then be put into Equity. All agreed that this would be ok.

Laser tag/paint ball - For a fun activity for the youth it was suggested that the youth would like to do either laser tag or paint ball. Dan Creed will look into paint ball cost and locations while Cindy is going to look into laser tag cost and locations. They will report back their findings at the next meeting.

Movie night/Card night - A movie night/card night is tentatively set for March 21st. Details of time and chaperones will need to be worked out.

Jr. High Convo – Jr. High Convo is May 1 – May 3 at the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells. Fee registration will be approximately \$60 per person through April 1st. The cost per person would be between \$150 - \$200. Stewart Hebel was going to get a copy of the flyer and offer this to the middle school at youth group.

Vision for Youth Group – Cindy wanted us to think about what our focus should be for youth group. It should be a variety of things for example: serving others, mission work, having fun, building relationships, learning about God, devotions, and prayer. When a new youth director is hired, there should be a focus for a vision statement.

May Baskets – Another idea for the youth was to make May baskets and deliver them to Cargill shut-ins. We would need to get a list from the office of names and addresses. More discussion at next meeting.

Communication – We need to do a better job communicating to youth and their parents of upcoming youth group events. Producing and sending out a newsletter is a priority. Dan suggested phone calling, contacting parents or even Face Book. More discussion at next meeting.

Larry Squire ended the meeting with a prayer.