**New Hope Church**

**Youth Committee Meeting**

**10/26/14**

**Attendance:**

Wes Starling

Josh Miller

Cassandra Miller

Jamie Vestal

Melissa Vestal

Dale Hampton

Jamie Hampton

Darryl Evans

Mark Evans

Tammy Evans

**Youth Representatives:**

Rianna Evans

Hannah Starling

Will Vestal

Alexandria Vestal

Joseph Hampton

Corey Hampton

Connor Hampton

**Recap Last Meeting:**

Vision:

* Youth come together to worship God and learn His word as it applies to their personal lives.
* Get to know one another, develop Christ-centered friendships, and support one another.
* Encourage gifts through worship, dramas, plays and serving.
* Developing a heart for missions in church, community and outwards that uses their gifts and grows their relationships with God, each other and those being served.
* Train to witness for God in daily lives

Actions:

* Invite Youth personally and keep connected
* Monthly meeting
* Connect with other churches
* Plan 3-4mth activities
* Determine Committee members and participants
* Establish Directors

Activities and Reminders:

* Discussed upcoming events

Presented to Deacons:

* New Committee members
* Clarify Church and Deacons needed approvals
* Transfer checking account
* Clarify spending and/or budget

**Current Topics:**

**Monthly Youth Meeting**

The committee discussed and decided it would be good for the youth to have a monthly meeting outside of regular church service times. This meeting will be a time for the youth to worship, learn and fellowship. The focus will be on building a stronger relationship with God and each other. The meeting will be on the 4th Sunday of each month at 5:00pm. We will start the meeting out with a time of songs/worship and then a lesson will be presented. The group will be separated into two groups, grades 1st – 5th and 6th – Young Adult for the lesson. After lesson time the group will come back together for a time of fellowship, games and activities. We hope to get some of the young adults that have exited high school involved with helping with the service time and activities.

**5th Sunday Youth Service**

It was brought to our attention the interest in Youth Sunday being changed from the 1st Sunday of each month to every 5th Sunday. The committee expressed interest in this being a service in which the youth were involved in as much of the service as possible. They would lead worship, take up offering and present special singings. We discussed the possibility of having a special speaker for that Sunday to be more geared toward the youth. It was also discussed if it would be possible to set aside the offerings from that Sunday to go toward Youth Missions.

**WiFi**

The committee talked about the need for the church to have WiFi accessibility. This would be a huge asset for many of the teachers. The WiFi would enable teachers to access lessons and materials online for their classes. Also, the youth often respond more to technological interactions.

**Nursery**

The committee discussed the growing need for regular nursery availability for parents of children ages newborn to Kindergarten. It is our desire to recruit and schedule rotating nursery workers for each Sunday morning service. We would expect the parents of children in this age group that are members, to be part of the scheduled rotation.

**Children’s Church**

The committee would like to modify the ages for Children’s Church to be 1st through 5th grade. We feel the kindergartners, normally, are not quite at the maturity level to participate in the lessons and activities of the older kids. We feel that by extending the age to 5th graders, this would enable the kids to benefit and learn more from the lesson in Children’s Church than the more adult geared sermon. This would also assist many parents to get more out of the Sunday morning service. We would also like to create a “helper” rotation for one older youth each Sunday to assist the Children’s Church teacher. This would enable our youth to become more involved in serving within the church.

**Other Topics:**

* Reviewed Youth Surveys
* Discussed Youth Group name
* Contacting other churches to partner with for events and activities
* Spring/Summer Youth Lock-In/Shut-In night
* Spring Camping trip
* Performing Quarterly Local Missions
* Summer Missions Trip
* Doing fundraisers for Youth Missions

**Date and Events:**

Oct. 31 – Hallelujah Festival

Nov. 2nd – Start announcing and preparing for Holiday Meal to be taken to elderly and shut-ins

Dec. 7th – Announce and start sign-up for Snow Tubing Trip

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Caroling while presenting meals

Nursing home caroling

Final Play Practice

Dec. 14th – Christmas Play

Dec. 21st – Meeting for Snow Tubing trip

Jan 4th – Last day to turn in permission forms for Snow Tubing trip

Jan. 10th – Winter Place Snow Tubing trip

Snow boarding & skiing at own expense

Jan. 25th – Monthly Youth Meeting Kickoff

Feb. 14th – Youth Valentines Meal for the church

Feb. 22nd – Youth Committee Meeting