

**HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE
December 5, 2022**

MINUTES

The meeting began at 8:15 via zoom. Present were Martha Makela, Nancy Owen, Carolyn Cromer, Rebecca Mead, Ann Holmes, Ann Lacy, and Rhonda Hibdon.

Ann L. reported that we have more adults willing to have buddies than children wanting them. We decided any age child who wants a buddy can have one and that adults should complete the standard "criminal check" that Sunday teachers and advisors do. Ann L. will include the form with the letter matching the buddies. Carolyn will plan a short introductory gathering between SS and Worship on a Sunday in early January.

Rhonda reported that the Thanksgiving service was a grand success. The children worked hard and it was great to see so many church members in attendance. Kudos to Becky Slagle for organizing this.

The Advent Party was also a great success! Good volunteers and activities planned (THANKS Ann H!) There was a general feeling that having it in Fellowship Hall was nice because all were together. There was also discussion of "olden days" when it was more of a church-wide event rather than promoted just for families. Making wreaths and singing carols were remembered. Wings deserves a thank you for having volunteers step up to staff some of the tables.

The Christmas Pageant is in good shape. It will be offered during the "sermon time" of the service.

ROOTS

- Families will be asked to bring items for building the "sock kits" for unhoused folks on Dec. 18.
- We will have 2 sessions in Jan – the 8th and 22nd. One session will be a "community service" activity and one bowling. Rhonda will check on the details of these options. For the bowling option, siblings will be welcome to participate.
- We will plan the rest of the Roots events at our January meeting.

The Child Protection Policy Committee is being formed and will convene in January.

The Youth Committee hasn't met, but they will decide about future Family Nights. There has been good adult feedback, but High Schooler's don't seem to enjoy these. If they don't continue in the previous format, maybe there can still be some way to gather families or maybe just opportunities for adults to gather and connect.

We will request the same budget amount for 2023 as 2022. We didn't use all the funds allocated this year, but expect that as we rebuild, we will need the full amount.

The Tween Camp has been scheduled by Terry Hargrave at Harvey Browne for April 28-29 at Cedar Ridge. Rhonda will help Terry plan the event.

We will meet **January 9 at Martha's (2431 Top Hill Road)** to plan Spring activities and programming. If anyone knows folks who might be interested, please bring them along.

Rhonda needs a sub for Children's Moment on January 8. Martha will ask Lynn Gant March. (Note: Lynn said YES)

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Lacy