

**Minutes of Meeting Crèche, Nest and Kids Church.
16th June 2011 @7pm @ 87 Marellen Drive, Red Beach.**

Welcome, Drinks, Snacks.

Present: Caroline B, Sarah Lamont, Michaela Wills, Sandra Taylor, Amira McMurray, Briar M, Jamie Wilson, Brianna Keogh, Renate Smith, Joshua Bruce, Gayle H, Elke Thompson.

Apologies: Dean Pearson, Margot T, Fionna M, Natalie S, Michelle Barnard.

Introductions : Everyone shared where they helped out at church and why.

Sharing of different people involved in the different areas:

Creche:

Explained the history. Going the best it has ever been. Natalie is doing an amazing job of organizing everything.

Some storage and space limits. When over 7 kids not so settled. Some kids don't like to be left by parents.

Need more people on the roster. At present every 5/6 weeks. Would be helpful to have backup people. (1 youth per week would be helpful to.)

Caroline helps with snacks (provides and puts in drawer) and with help around themes if needed.

Would also be helpful to have additional people setting up.

Caroline to organize some family connection times! ☺

Nest:

Key people are Amira McMurray and Michelle B. Amira might have to be released next term, since life is extremely busy and will start home schooling her children. They are doing an incredible job! ☺

Roster is going great with parental support. Enough helping hands. Will have to look into buying new toys and look into storage situation. (Caroline to buy large plastic boxes to store stuff together and easier to bring back and forth.)

Caroline to provide crackers/snacks for nest with crèche.

Toys: Cars work well. Look into purchasing duplo with ppl.

Train track and trains and bubbles.

Jamie to bring play dough when on with plastic sheet.

Dress ups would be fun.

Morning tea will be easier when we purchase a few plastic jugs.

All "teachers/leaders" to feel free to communicate with Caroline if she can assist with any prep work or purchasing materials/books/curriculum.

Worship and "Powerzone dvd" with the bigger kids to start the program seems to work well. Easy to follow same curriculum and not having to think up new topics.

Very positive feel and connection between both groups.

Kids Church:

Everyone really enjoys being part of kids church with a lot of young leaders there nearly every week. They go to night church so have good "Spiritual input".

We talked about having a few toys available eg. Slot cars.

Will organize more dress ups for drama's.

Kids are all loving the Powerzone curriculum and \$.

Talked about keeping track of the \$ from the kids in a bank.

Continue to work on rego's and Josh Bruce will organize some "regio admin systems".

Using lanyards for the kids, so we know who was there.

(Collate together at end of kids church.)

We will look into a way of engaging the boys more and make "small group time" a bit more meaningful.

Bree and Briar will help with signing kids in at the beginning with Josh Bruce.

Continuing with Powerzone curriculum this year.

Looking into more defined roles for all the helpers and some people taking an active role in organizing games/ crafts etc.

Josh B to start helping with teaching the bible story!

Vision for Childrens Ministries.

I read out the info from the "Vision Banquet" and we spend some time dreaming about the things we would like to see happen in the future.

"We would like to actively facilitate fun ways of connecting children and families through outings and other means.

Partnership with Parents, since they are the most influential in a child's life."

"We would like assist and empower the parents to take an active role in the Spiritual formation of their children."

We talked about treating each person as unique and special.

We are in a privileged position and our actions speak louder than words. We want to be all inclusive of everyone.

Rosters/ Curriculum: All areas.

It will be helpful if we have clearly defined roles.

This way it will give people ownership and they have all important role to play. It will make everything run a lot smoother.

"Job Allocations" dividing of roles esp. for junior leaders.

Health and Safety and "Agreements".

We read through those and I explained why it is important to have all the legal documentation into place.

All took the documents home to read through and sign.

(Junior leaders will have to have a parental signature as well!)

Prayer.**Meeting closed 9 O'Clock.**

People still "mixed and mingled" and chatted. ☺

Caroline Borger.