

COMMISSION ON EDUCATION

Minutes

February 15, 1983, Meeting

Present: Donna Berry, Judy Coman, Pam Whilden, Monika Bollinger, Don Sellers, Tom Coble, Laura Early, Jim Long, Marti Coram, Bob Cox, Margaret McCotter, Carol Barnes, Holly Eggleston (chairman), and Danny Goodwin.

The meeting opened, then divided into subcommittees to brainstorm for their area of responsibility for about 20 minutes. Reports were then given from the groups. Marti Coram reported ideas from "The committee to provide Christian Educational Programming in Sunday School for Lent and Easter":

1. Having someone--possibly junior high or high school age--act out the Disciples Peter and Thomas, telling their eyewitness accounts of Jesus' last days.
2. Bible story or poetry reading--possibly by an adult Sunday School class member, or processional with palm branches for lower grades.
3. Last Supper reading and role playing for grades 3-6.
4. Easter customs and symbols
 - Egg dyeing--K, 1st, and 2nd
 - Easter egg decorating symbols--3rd-6th grades
 - Cooking: pretzel making (symbol of a person praying with his arms folded)
 - Cross making
 - Lighting of the Seven-branched candlelabra for the 7 weeks of Lent in anticipation of Easter

Sunday School teachers will be surveyed for reaction to the ideas and suggestions on how the Commission on Education might assist them.

Although the dates need to be cleared with the Council, they are tentatively set for: Sept. 11 Promotion Sunday
Sept. 18 Christian Education Sunday

Don Sellers reported on plans for teacher recognition Sunday, Sept. 18, and requested ideas for a theme.

Holly Eggleston initiated a discussion "What the Commission on Education is All About" and passed out an information sheet. Laura Early discussed the role and responsibilities of education, shared printed material on the subject, and gave each member a questionnaire concerning strengthening the total church school, to be returned to her by March 5.

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Holly Eggleston dismissed the meeting with a prayer.

Margaret McCotter
Secretary

