

Religious Education Committee Meeting Minutes

Sunday, October 13, 2013

- Opening of meeting / lighting of chalice
 - Meeting opened at 12:30pm. Members present: Michael Pohl, Morgan Gresham, Kimberly Cooper, Jessica Peters, Careena Cornette, Dolores Benjamin.
- Approval of minutes
 - Did not have the minutes from the previous month available for approval.
- R.E. Secretary position
 - Morgan Gresham will temporarily serve as secretary.
- Action item status
 - **Careena and Katy:** Schedule date for R.E. Sunday with Worship Committee.
 - No update
 - **Michael:** Talk with Dolores about a schedule for staffing the R.E. table.
 - signage--Children's Religious Education (placard). Dolores will have a sign made for table.
 - brochures
 - plenty of volunteer brochures
 - yellow ones upstairs; need to bring downstairs
 - when Dolores is here, she will staff the RE table
 - **Jill and Careena:** Meet to define next steps for OWL class.
 - Jill and Careena will meet some time in the future to discuss a plan.
 - Jessica has 17 families from her home school collective who have expressed interest in OWL.
 - **Michael and Morgan:** Start Facebook group for Kids' R.E. program.
 - Done.
 - **Michael:** Post feedback from spaghetti supper to Facebook group.
 - Done.
 - **Jessica and Careena:** Organize R.E. activity that dovetails with pumpkin carving.
 - The pumpkin carving will take place after service.
 - **Careena:** Talk with Nic about children's choir options.
 - Nic cannot do children's choir: he does not have enough hours. An outsider person could do, for pay, voice lessons. Ginny (Nic's girlfriend) is a possibility. Not clear what cost would be.
 - **Michael:** Schedule pumpkin carving with Program Council.
 - Done. Sunday, 27 October 2013, after service.
 - **Michael:** Ask Program Council about a Covenant Group for parents.
 - In the works. Penny, Katy, Dave Coale, and Michael Pohl have meeting scheduled.
 - **Jessica:** Research fingerprint checks.
 - Cards, from the sheriff's dept., are \$30 for 500 cards. Then the completed

- cards are taken to the sheriff's dept by applicant, \$6 per application.
- **Morgan:** Deliver electronic copies of R.E. documents to the committee.
 - Done.
- **Careena:** Follow up with Laura on funding for face painting supplies.
 - Done. There is a supply upstairs for Laura when her current supply runs out.
- **Michael:** Talk with Nick about Friday Night Shuffle event.
 - Done.
- **Michael:** Bring kids' songbook.
 - Done. Songbook passed around at meeting.
- New business
 - Web content updates (**Kimberly/Michael**)
 - Michael will grant priv. to make updates
 - Kimberly will make changes once that has been given
 - Michael will follow up with Kimberly to start this update process
 - R.E. class for younger kids (**Michael/Morgan/Careena**)
 - one room school house does not work well
 - small core (4-7 age group)
 - Audrey, Blaise, Nathaniel
 - visitors
 - need one other adult
 - Marisa and Laura could be
 - Kimberly can assist
 - Spirit Play curriculum
 - World Religions/Holidays and Holy Days
 - volunteer rotation (facebook group, formalize the sign-up process); transcribe
 - Michael will send Dolores the facebook group invitation
 - Notice about lady bug room cleanup --planning
 - cleaning
 - light in bathroom
 - target 1 Nov start date; clear communication for visitors
 - Safe congregation policy/procedure review (**Michael/Jesica**)
 - roles (teachers, staff, volunteers, parental visitors, one-time visitors)
 - requirements
 - procedures
 - subcommittee--Michael, Katy, Teresa, Careena, Jesica--23 OCT 7:00pm; invite Laurie Clement
 - clear/easily communicate; no obstacles; process to be followed
 - handout considers gaps between UUA rec and what we have in place
 - current policies online
 - Formal recognition of kids' involvement in church/outside activities (**Careena**)
 - program council

- **Michael** will check with nursery staff about pressure washing request
- **Careena** will research rewards/penalties systems; update in future meeting
- **Michael** will review old RE goals and what we have discussed, bring forward list
- **Safe Congregation subcommittee**--Michael, Katy, Teresa, Careena, Jesica--23 OCT 7:00pm; invite Laurie Clement
- **Michael** talk with Penny (penny0314@gmail.com) about involving kids in Thanksgiving dinner prep/plans/participation 28 Nov
- **Jill and Careena** to meet/update re: OWL
- Web content updates (**Kimberly/Michael**)
 - **Michael** will grant priv. to make updates
 - **Kimberly** will make changes once that has been given
 - **Michael** will follow up with Kimberly to start this update process
- **Pumpkin Carving (27 Oct)**
 - **Michael** will advertise, reminder as an intergenerational activity
 - **Michael and Morgan** will purchase additional gourds
 - **Morgan** will get snacks; **Dolores** will bring gluten-free for pumpkin carving
 - **Careena** will look for the existing tools/supplies
 - **Careena** will talk with Matt about how much pumpkin carving clean-up needed/hours
- **Meeting adjournment / extinguishing of chalice**

Minutes approved November 10, 2013