

Religious Education Committee Meeting Minutes

Sunday, November 10, 2013

- Opening of meeting / lighting of chalice
 - Present: Michael Pohl, Careena Cornette-McCue, Kimberly Cooper, Dolores Benjamin, Jesica Peters, Jim Peters, Katy Korb, Morgan Gresham
 - Meeting began at 12:36pm.
- Approval of October 13 minutes
 - Dolores moved to approve; Kimberly seconded; all approved.
- Action item status
 - **Michael** will send Dolores the R.E. facebook group invitation: Complete.
 - **Michael** will check with nursery staff about pressure washing request: Michael will complete.
 - **Careena** will research rewards/penalties systems; update in future meeting: Ongoing.
 - **Michael** will review old R.E. goals and what we have discussed, bring forward list: Done and distributed.
 - **Michael, Katy, Careena, and Jesica** will meet with Teresa Kelly re: Safe Congregation policies.
 - Michael, Jesica, and Jim met with Teresa. R.E. can establish their own procedures. Formulate what we would like; present to Teresa; then present to Board to confirm with lawyer.
 - Action: **Michael, Jesica, and Careena** will start organizing forms, requirements, and procedures related to Safe Congregation best practices.
 - **Michael** talk with Penny about involving kids in Thanksgiving dinner prep/plans/participation: Done.
 - **Jill and Careena** will meet re: next steps for OWL: Have not met.
 - **Kimberly and Michael** will update the R.E. web content: Done.
 - **Jesica, Morgan, Careena, and Michael** will organize/advertise/put on the pumpkin carving event: Done.
 - **Michael and Katy** will meet with Dave Coale re: covenant group for parents: Done. Working on next steps.
 - **Michael** will get the next R.E. Night at St. Pete Shuffle on the calendar: Done.
- New business
 - Treasurer's report (**Dolores**)
 - Dolores distributed a handout.
 - Action: **Dolores** will send an email to Michael to define the report needed from the church accountant.
 - Action: **Careena** will submit a reimbursement request for OWL expenses for herself and Jill.

- R.E. handout (**Dolores**)
 - Action: **Michael** will use the R.E. web content to create an R.E. brochure.
 - Action: **Dolores** will have the brochure printed.
 - Kimberly moved to approve \$200 to create brochure. Jessica seconded. All approved.
- Ladybug class update (**Michael/Morgan**)
 - Room cleaned up. Working curricula.
 - Action: **Michael** will contact Katy and Careena about upcoming Sunday service topics.
- R.E. goals for this year (**all**)
 - strengthen sense of community among students, volunteers and staff
 - further education outside strategies for expand time with students
 - becoming and feeling like a part of this community--fun field trips
 - lock-ins/sleepovers
 - find out what our families are looking for and how they want to be involved
 - kids have a critical thinking ground about religious questions
 - sense of identity as UUs
 - adult/child involvement intergenerational talk to other adults about religious beliefs; adult involvement; intergenerational book club; YA literature
 - social get togethers
 - to be able to articulate what do I value/what do I believe
 - honor/enable the ambiguity of truth
 - love is not the same as liking
 - understanding when humor is appropriate
 - I would like to see us make a list of abilities and knowledge that a child or teen needs to have and **at** what ages. Then, assist parents in helping their kids work toward those goals.
 - **At** 18-years-old, a person must be prepared to take on all the roles of adulthood:
 - Signing contracts
 - Maintaining a household
 - Having a job
 - teachable moments
 - work with program council to increase communication with greater church
 - Action: **Michael** will distill conversation into finite list of goals and distribute to committee for approval.
- Thanksgiving (**Jesica and Dolores**)
- Intergenerational Christmas service (**Katy**)
 - 22 December
 - 15 December rehearsal after service
- Next social events
 - 13 Dec potluck

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