

Religious Education Committee Meeting Minutes

Sunday, January 19, 2014

- Opening of meeting / lighting of chalice
 - Meeting convened at 12:38pm.
 - Present: Dolores Benjamin, Jesica Peters, Michael Pohl (chair), Kimberly Cooper, Albrecht Cornette-McCue, Joe Benjamin, Morgan Gresham (secretary), Katy Korb.
- Approval of November 10, 2013 minutes: Minutes not available for approval. Will be approved by email.
- Changes to distribution and approval of minutes.
 - The secretary will prepare and distribute minutes shortly after each meeting (e.g., within a week or so). Members will approve or note changes via email.
- New business (part 1)
 - Plans for remainder of the church year and summer 2014
 - Albrecht's last day will be Sunday, April 6. There are 10 Sundays we will need to fill between Albrecht's last Sunday and summer 2014.
 - Action: **Michael** will create a rough plan for this 10-week time period and identify a volunteer coordinator or co-coordinators.
 - DRE search and vision for RE at UU St. Pete
 - Scheduled a meeting for 2:00pm on Saturday, February 8, to discuss our vision for the RE program and the DRE search.
 - Action: **Michael** will invite Jane Fanning to the February 8 meeting.
 - Action: **Everyone planning to attend the February 8 meeting** will read *The Search for Religious Education Leadership: Best Practices for Unitarian Universalist Congregations* (http://www.uua.org/documents/ellenwoodpat/re_leadershipguide.pdf).
- Action item status
 - **Michael, Jesica, and Albrecht** will start organizing forms, requirements, and procedures related to Safe Congregation best practices.
 - Not done.
 - Action: **Michael and Jesica** will review forms on Tuesday, January 28.
 - **Dolores** will send an email to Michael to define the report needed from the church accountant.
 - Action: **Michael** will get with Nick Wheeler and Pam (accountant) to request expenditures to date for RE, remaining budget for RE, and reimbursement details.
 - **Albrecht** will submit a reimbursement request for OWL expenses for herself and Jill.
 - Carry over.
 - **Michael** will use the RE web content to create an RE handout.

- Not done.
 - **Michael** will contact Katy and Albrecht about upcoming Sunday service topics.
 - New direction established.
 - **Michael** will distill conversation into finite list of goals and distribute to committee for approval.
 - New direction established.
- New business (part 2)
 - Treasurer's report (**Dolores**)
 - No report due to lack of information. See earlier action assigned to Michael.
 - Nursery cleaning (**Michael**)
 - Action: **Michael** will talk with Nick Wheeler about whether Matt could empty the trash and sweep/mop the floor on Sunday mornings.
 - Action: **Michael** will talk with Geneva and Reggie about impact of Friday Night Picnic on nursery area.
- Action item review
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- Meeting adjournment / extinguishing of chalice
 - Meeting adjourned at 2:33pm.

Minutes approved via email January 19-21, 2014