

# Religious Education Committee Meeting Minutes

*Sunday, November 2, 2014*

- Meeting opened at 12:08pm. In attendance: Meredith Keith-Chirch; Morgan Gresham (secretary); Michael Pohl (chair). Instructor Joe Benjamin present for first part of meeting.
- Meredith moved to approve October 5 minutes. Morgan seconded. All approved.
- Action item status
  - **Michael** will clarify RE's budget and payroll with the church treasurer and BOT.
    - In progress.
  - **Beate** will look into a yoga instructor for the kids.
    - In progress.
  - **Beate** will email the draft RE program schedule to the committee.
    - Done.
  - **Michael** will contact Sally about correct numbers for Shancar Publications expenses.
    - Done and resolved.
  - **Michael** will ask Program Council for clarification on committees paying for child care.
    - Not done.
  - **Dolores** will meet with Sally about how numbers for budgets/in-kind/expenses are recorded (going in; going out).
    - Done.
  - **Beate** will update RE bulletin boards with RE kids on October 12.
    - Done. Thanks Beate!
  - **Morgan** will submit a writeup to [pubs@uustpete.org](mailto:pubs@uustpete.org) about the Meet and Greet Breakfast.
    - See new business below.
  - **Meredith** will advise on food options for the Meet and Greet Breakfast.
    - Done.
  - **Michael** will talk with Travis and Program Council about setup for the pumpkin carving in Gilmour.
    - Done.
  - **Michael and Morgan** will coordinate materials for the pumpkin carving with other committee members.
    - Done.
  - **Meredith** will head up snacks for the pumpkin carving.
    - Done.
  - **Michael** will submit a writeup to [pubs@uustpete.org](mailto:pubs@uustpete.org) about the pumpkin carving.
    - Done.

- **Morgan** will research bobbing for apples and hygienic alternatives thereto.
  - Done.
- **Michael and Morgan** will meet with Jack on October 7 about the Intergenerational Service.
  - Done.
- **Michael** will send details about the November 2 Intergenerational Service to the committee.
  - Done.
- **Lisa and Michael** will touch bases on approaches to multi-age, small-program curricula.
  - Done, along with Meredith and Morgan.
- New business
  - Instructor report
    - Christina's teaching contract was extended through the end of the school year. She has agreed to fill her remaining Sundays through December (11/30; 12/7; and 12/28) but will be unable to teach at UU St. Pete beyond December. We wish Christina the very best and thank her for her valuable service and input!
    - Joe confirmed that he would like to remain as assistant instructor.
    - **Action: Michael** will write a new job ad to send to the RE Committee and present to the Board.
    - Joe and the Committee reviewed our pick-up policy: Pick-up time is 11:45am. Parents will be asked to wait until 11:45am to come upstairs for their kids. The RE team will provide "transition activities" at the end of class (legos; craft; outdoor time) to keep kids occupied until parents arrive.
  - Programming update
    - Activities for Christina and Joe
      - Lisa, Meredith, Michael, and Morgan have been working on a spreadsheet of activities pulled from various Tapestry of Faith curricula, organized by theme.
      - **Action: Michael** will check with Jack on theme for 11/30 and send to Christina.
      - Committee recommended presenting the new instructor with a set curriculum (e.g., Toolbox of Faith) or other specific activities for spring to minimize research and prep time.
    - Meditation
      - Jamkar returning 11/16.
    - Yoga
      - Beate is researching yoga options. If a yoga instructor is not available for 11/9, Beate has volunteered to lead a continuation of the bulletin board project.
  - Snacks

- Committee recommended no snacks during class due to short class time and widely varying dietary needs of kids. Need to communicate this approach clearly to parents.
- Meet and Greet Breakfast planning
  - Committee recommended delaying the Meet and Greet until we have a new instructor and a well-defined schedule.
- Parents' Night Out planning
  - Friday, December 12, 6:00pm - 10:00pm. Popcorn; pizza; short movie; wear pjs; make-a-present activities; face painting. Suggested donation of \$10/child.
  - **Action: Michael** will check with Laura and Marisa about providing child care and activities for Parents' Night Out.
  - **Action: Morgan** will draft a registration form for Parents' Night Out.
  - **Action: Michael** will present Parents' Night Out to the Board.
- Treasurer report
- Meeting adjourned at 1:16pm.

*Minutes approved December 14, 2014*