

Religious Education Committee Meeting Minutes

Sunday, March 8, 2015

- Meeting opened at 12:09pm. In attendance: Michael Pohl (chair); Dolores Benjamin (treasurer); Meredith Keith-Chirch; Beate Hughes-Brown; Morgan Gresham (secretary); Lisa Hill (RE Coordinator).
- Meredith moved to approve February 8 minutes. Beate seconded. All approved.
- Action item status
 - **Lisa** will review UU St. Pete Facebook page to see what kinds of changes need to be made to page type to allow for better updates. (Carryover from January)
 - Done.
 - **Morgan** will find the yellow "What Do We Teach" brochures and the "UU Kids Say" brochures and give them to Dolores.
 - Done.
 - **Dolores** will send Beate the printer's version of the yellow "What Do We Teach" brochure.
 - Done.
 - **Beate** will review and revise the yellow "What Do We Teach" brochure (correct email; include the statements of purpose/plan; update information).
 - In process.
 - **Michael** will give Meredith admin access to the UU St. Pete Facebook page.
 - Done.
 - **Lisa** will conduct phone screening of the applicant who responded to the Craig's List ad.
 - Done.
 - **Michael** will send the job posting to area congregations.
 - Done.
 - **Michael** will publish request for volunteer teen leaders in InfoNet and the Order of Service.
 - Done.
 - **Michael** will review projected program expenses with Lisa and send to the Board.
 - Done.
 - **All** will discuss ideas for an RE-sponsored Intergenerational Day activity offline and begin planning.
 - Done.
 - **Morgan** will shop for prizes for the egg hunt.
 - Done.
 - **Michael** will work to finalize the RE policies.
 - In process.

- **Meredith** will let Laurie Clement know that the RE Committee has agreed to devote the large bulletin board in Conway Hall to RE for children, youth and adults.
 - Done.
- New business
 - Coordinator report
 - Lisa noted how helpful it has been to connect with other RE professionals. Having the listserv and other opportunities to talk with regional colleagues is very important.
 - Renaissance Module was very useful.
 - RE Sunday
 - Scheduled for May 17, 2015.
 - Lisa proposed the following elements:
 - Moral skits, 2-3 minutes each
 - All students will participate. How they participate will be up to them. There will be on and off stage roles.
 - Each student will have an opportunity to speak about what they have learned.
 - Scheduling 30-minute planning sessions with students after RE each Sunday.
 - Appreciation for RE volunteers: Bags of happiness; thank you cards; etc.
 - Intergenerational Day
 - The RE Committee will sponsor the following activities:
 - Mural
 - Parachute games
 - Wrecking ball game
 - Hula hoops
 - Summer plans
 - Hogwarts
 - 20-50 kids
 - Kindergarten through high school
 - Word-of-mouth advertising
 - Multiple volunteers
 - First choice dates: August 17-21; Hogwarts Sunday on August 23
 - Second choice dates: July 20-24; Hogwarts Sunday on July 26
 - Lisa proposed having some type of kid event, family event, and service event each month throughout the summer.
 - RE program policies
 - Minor amendments discussed.
 - Meredith moved to approve RE program policies as amended. Dolores seconded. All approved.

- Youth class update
 - Michael and Morgan will lead youth class through end of June.
- Egg hunt
 - Meredith, Michael, and Morgan will hide eggs before (meet at 9:45).
- Action item review
 - **Lisa** will get parents to sign off on media release for the Kids at UU St. Pete Facebook page.
 - **Lisa** will open the Kids at UU St. Pete group effective April 2, 2015.
 - **Morgan** will find white volunteers brochures and give them to Dolores.
 - **Beate** will review and revise the yellow "What Do We Teach" brochure (correct email; include the statements of purpose/plan; update information).
 - **Meredith** will send Beate her comments for the yellow "What Do We Teach" brochure revisions.
 - **Michael and Morgan** will get Lisa the materials from Dolores about teacher and volunteer training.
 - **Meredith** will talk with Nic about music for RE Sunday on May 17.
- Meeting adjourned at 2:00pm.

Minutes approved April 12, 2015