

# Religious Education Committee Meeting Minutes

Sunday, May 3, 2015

- Meeting opened at 12:08pm. In attendance: Michael Pohl (chair); Dolores Benjamin (treasurer); Meredith Keith-Chirch; Beate Hughes-Brown; Morgan Gresham (secretary); Lisa Hill (Coordinator). Jack Donovan joined for the part of the meeting.
- Meredith moved to approve April 8 minutes. Laurie seconded. All approved.
- Action item status
  - **All** will provide feedback to Beate on the "What Do We Teach" brochure.
    - Done.
  - **Beate** will update calendar and finalize brochure for next week.
    - In progress.
  - **Meredith** will follow up with Nic about music for RE Sunday on May 17.
    - Done.
  - **Lisa and Meredith** talk with Erin about accompanist music for RE Sunday.
    - Done.
  - **Michael and Morgan** will seek input on and ideas for redecorating the media room
    - In progress.
  - **Michael and Dolores** will meet to review this year's budget status.
    - Done.
  - **Lisa** will talk with Christine Pensa about collaboration between UU St. Pete and UU Clearwater on OWL offerings.
    - In progress.
  - **Jack** will present a proposal to the Board to shift some of the minister budget to the RE personnel budget.
    - Done.
  - **Lisa and RE Committee members** will meet to work out our program needs (structure, space, schedule, and personnel).
    - Done.
  - **Lisa** will talk with Laura to gauge her interest working with the upper elementary kids.
    - Done.
- New business
  - Coordinator report
    - Collecting info from parents about kids in RE
    - Making plans for RE Sunday
    - Making progress on background checks
    - Hogwarts camp update after RE Sunday
    - Discussing plans for instructors going forward
      - Trish -- lower elementary
      - Laura -- upper elementary

- Looking for a youth class instructor
- Treasurer report
  - Request from nursery for IKEA fabric for downstairs
- RE Sunday (17 May 2015)
  - 10 May practice
- May 24 and June 14 classes
  - Ministry Sundays -- outside activity
  - Lisa will lead class both days
- OWL
  - Level K-6 training at UU St. Pete in August (\$250 per person); Level 4-6 program at UU St. Pete in fall October-November 2015
    - **Michael and Lisa** will put together the proposal for OWL training and OWL class at UU St. Pete.
    - **Michael** will get on the Board meeting agenda to present proposal for OWL training and OWL class.
  - Level 7-9; 10-12 training in Naples May 22-24
    - \$300 (meals, not lodging)
    - Meredith moves to support Laurie to attend Level 7-9 OWL training in Naples (~\$400), Morgan seconded; all approved
    - **Lisa** will talk with Laurie to confirm/finalize Level 7-9 OWL training in Naples.
- Classroom roles/responsibilities
  - Identified who is responsible for various RE activities
  - Goal is to create checklist sheets for each role
- Sign-in/out procedures
  - Need to fine-tune and finalize processes
- Action item review
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- Meeting adjourned 1:30pm.

*Minutes approved June 7, 2015*