

Religious Education Committee Meeting Minutes

Sunday, June 7, 2015

- Meeting opened at 12:02pm. In attendance: Michael Pohl (chair); Dolores Benjamin (treasurer); Beate Hughes-Brown; Meredith Keith-Chirch; Jill McCracken; Lisa Hill (Coordinator); Morgan Gresham (secretary). Jack Donovan joined for part of the meeting.
- Meredith moved to approve May 3 minutes. Beate seconded. All approved.
- Action item status
 - **Michael and Lisa** will put together the proposal for OWL training and OWL class at UU St. Pete.
 - Done.
 - **Michael** will get on the Board meeting agenda to present proposal for OWL training and OWL class.
 - Done.
 - **Lisa** will talk with Laurie to confirm/finalize Level 7-9 OWL training in Naples.
 - Done. Laurie declined to attend the Naples training; plans to attend the Level K-1/4-6 training at UU St. Pete instead.
- New business
 - Treasurer report
 - Dolores's figures from Sally Carville indicate we are currently \$1,053 over budget on personnel and \$1,690 under budget on program expenses. Michael questioned the personnel budget number.
 - **Michael** will confirm budget numbers with Sally.
 - Youth instructor
 - New youth instructor: Terry Shupe.
 - Terry plans to visit June 21 (yoga Sunday). Her first class will be June 28.
 - Program schedule: 2015-16
 - Lisa has added the [2015-16 schedule](#) to the RE Resources repository.
 - Curriculum classes will be held twice monthly:
 - Terry: Popcorn Theology (middle and high school)
 - Laura: Spirit of Adventure (upper elementary)
 - Trish: Moral Tales (early elementary)
 - Marisa: Chalice Children (pre-K)
 - Lisa has talked with Katie and Trish about their schedule.
 - **Lisa** will talk with Laura about her teaching schedule.
 - Committee discussed what each role, class, and classroom space should be called.
 - **All** will determine via email what to call each role, class, and classroom space.
 - **All** will share ideas via email on how to improve communication with new families before service.

- Teacher training
 - At Lisa's recommendation, the Committee discussed bringing all instructors in for a teacher training session, proposed for after service on June 28. (First day of new curricula will be July 5.) Ideal arrangement would be a 2-hour session with lunch provided.
 - **Michael** will check the budget for funds for a teacher training session.
 - **Lisa** will put together programming for a teacher training session on June 28.
- Supplies
 - [Supply list for the entire 2015-16 year](#) is in the RE Resources repository.
 - Lisa is planning to review inventory and work on wand making for Hogwarts on June 13.
 - Proposed inviting others to help on June 13:
 - 12-2: inventory and cleanup
 - 2-4: wand making
 - 4: ice cream/yogurt
- Multigenerational Sundays
 - Lisa would like four multigenerational Sunday services during 2015-16. Could be led by kids (as with RE Sunday) or simply be a normal service led by Jack with a theme that is appropriate for a multigenerational audience.
 - **Jack and Lisa** will work together on a schedule and plans for multigenerational services.
- OWL update
 - New dates for Level K-1/4-6 OWL training at UU St. Pete are August 7-9.
 - Jill volunteered to coordinate OWL training logistics.
 - **Lisa** will send Jill a link to the OWL training information.
 - **Lisa and Jill** will meet to discuss OWL training needs.
- Hogwarts
 - 22 signups so far. Fulfills our minimum target of 20 participants.
 - Lisa has some volunteers but needs more.
- Report to the Board
 - **Lisa** will provide attendance numbers to Michael for the RE report to the Board.
 - **Michael** will prepare and send this month's RE report to the Board.
 - Lisa noted that she would like to attend Board meetings after moving to St. Pete.
- RE Committee officers: 2015-16
 - Michael expressed interest in eventually stepping down as RE Chair in order to become more involved in other church ministries.
 - Committee agreed to table a vote on officers until a later meeting.
 - **Morgan** will review the RE Committee Charter and Church By-Laws to identify the requirements we need to fulfill in terms of officers.

- Jill recommended an InfoNet article to communicate RE committee and program needs.
 - **Jill and Michael** will work on an InfoNet article talking about RE committee and program needs.
 - Open agenda items
 - Dolores noted that Sally Carville had some accounting questions about Hogwarts.
 - **Lisa and Jill** will talk with Sally about accounting questions regarding Hogwarts and OWL training.
- Action item review
 - **Michael** will confirm budget numbers with Sally.
 - **Lisa** will talk with Laura about her teaching schedule.
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 - **Michael** will check the budget for funds for a teacher training session.
 - **Lisa** will put together programming for a teacher training session on June 28.
 - **Jack and Lisa** will work together on a schedule and plans for multigenerational services.
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- Meeting adjourned at 1:45pm.

Minutes approved July 12, 2015