

# Religious Education Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 3, 2015

- Meeting opened at 5:38pm. In attendance: Michael Pohl (chair), Morgan (clerk), Lisa (Coordinator), Jack (Minister).
- Approval of October 8 and November 5 minutes
  - **Vote:** Dolores moved to approve the October 8 and November 5 minutes. Morgan seconded. All approved.
- Action item status
  - **Morgan, Lisa, and Beate** will identify a space for infants; clean changing table and playpen; and establish procedures for keeping the infant area clean.
    - Continuing.
  - **Michael** will post a notice about OWL training to the REACH list.
    - Done.
  - **Michael** will work up spending recommendations and present to committee.
    - Done.
  - **Michael and Lisa** will present safety and accessibility recommendations at the Town Hall.
    - Done.
  - **Michael** will work on report to BOT and send to Lisa for review.
    - Done.
- New business
  - RE Coordinator's report
    - OWL training update
      - 12 interested; 10 signed up. Need 16 paid attendees.
      - **Vote:** Morgan moved to waive training fees for up to 2 female and up to 2 male UU St. Pete members in good standing, with the expectation that these attendees would help lead UU St. Pete OWL classes in spring 2016. Dolores seconded. All approved.
      - **Lisa** will talk with Nick Wheeler, Keevy McAlavy, and Paul Burnore about attending OWL training.
      - Interested female attendees: Penny Duff, Laurie Clement, Jill McCracken, and Terry Shupe.
      - Books for individual attendees: about \$65 per attendee. Total for all OWL books for UU St. Pete, including books for 4 attendees: \$259.
      - **Michael** will compile list of emails for UU churches along the east coast for an OWL training email campaign.
      - **Lisa** will talk with Kent Fanning about moving the January 24 discussion group to accommodate OWL training in Conway.
    - MLK parade and service project: January 18

- 10am: Meet at UUSP and walk to view parade.
  - After parade: Paint parking stops. Done by 4:00pm.
  - Need paint and supplies. Children bring snacks to share.
- RE class updates
  - 6-week average attendance: 13
  - Start discussion group for older students on yoga weeks
  - Cold weather service project is ongoing
  - Exploring youth covenant group
- Jedi camp updates
- Budget priorities and recommendations
  - **Vote:** Morgan moved to approve the following proposals: (1) Give Lisa a \$500 bonus, paid for out of Hogwarts proceeds, to help offset the unpaid hours she has put in for Hogwarts and RE; (2) Designate \$750 from the designated fund towards RE program priorities, as identified by Lisa, noting that some of this money may be offset with proceeds from OWL training or from donations; and (3) Work with the Board to shift the \$1,700 in extra RE personnel budget funds to help pay for the new Communications Coordinator. Dolores seconded. All approved.
  - **Michael** will present RE budget proposals to the Board of Trustees at their December 17 meeting.
- Parents' Night Out: December 11
  - Clothing swap
  - Add a February 13 Parents' Night Out
- Report to BOT
  - **Michael** will work on report to BOT and send to Lisa for review.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:59pm.

*Minutes approved January 7, 2016*