

# Religious Education Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 7, 2016

- Meeting opened at 5:27pm. In attendance: Dolores Benjamin (Treasurer), Lisa Hill (Coordinator), Michael Pohl (Chair), Morgan Gresham (Clerk), Beate Hughes-Brown.
- Approval of December 3 minutes
  - **Vote:** Dolores moved to approve the December 3 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.
    - Scrubbed mat, created an area for smaller children.
    - **Lisa** will set up a weekly cleaning schedule for the changing table and playpen.
  - **Lisa** will talk with Nick Wheeler, Keevy McAlavy, and Paul Burnore about attending OWL training.
    - Done.
  - **Michael** will compile list of emails for UU churches along the east coast for an OWL training email campaign.
    - Done.
  - **Lisa** will talk with Kent Fanning about moving the January 24 discussion group to accommodate OWL training in Conway.
    - In progress.
  - **Michael** will present RE budget proposals to the Board of Trustees at their December 17 meeting.
    - Done.
  - **Michael** will work on report to BOT and send to Lisa for review.
    - Done.
- New business
  - RE Coordinator's report
    - \$750 program spending from designated fund
      - \$600: third program Sunday each month January - June
      - \$150: nursery toys, sling chair, play kitchen, exersaucer
    - Growth and paid staff
    - Youth class programming
      - 4 remaining Popcorn Theology sessions
      - Next curriculum, Building Bridges, scheduled to begin March 6
  - OWL update/planning
    - Full enrollment: 18 paying participants; 4 UU St. Pete participants
    - Volunteers needed to help with meals (prep, serving, cleanup)
  - 2016-17 budget planning
    - Reviewed past budgets

- Started defining program expenses for 2016-17
- Event planning
  - MLK Day Paint and Parade (January 18)
  - Parents' Night Out (February 12)
    - Cancelled due to proximity to February 13 parents' covenant group
    - **Michael** will talk with Marcile Powers about organizing Parents' Night Out as a non-RE sponsored event.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

*Minutes approved February 11, 2016*