

Religious Education Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 11, 2016

- Meeting opened at 5:32pm. In attendance: Lisa Hill (coordinator); Dolores Benjamin; Morgan Gresham (clerk); Michael Pohl (chair); Beate Hughes-Brown (treasurer).
- **Vote:** Morgan moved to approve the July 7 minutes. Dolores seconded. All approved.
- Action item review
 - **Jack** will meet with Marisa re: overpayment. **No update.**
 - **Michael** will provide a written record of the overpayment events. **Not done.**
 - **Lisa** will order the UUA brochures. **Not done.**
 - **Morgan** will look into a storage unit and/or barrier to replace the nursery desk. **In progress.**
 - **Morgan** will look into getting a prepaid Visa card for the RE program. **Not done;** instead, **Michael** will look into procedures for using the church credit card.
 - **Michael and Morgan** will purchase paint for the upstairs doors. **Not done.**
 - **Jack** will sit down with **Michael/Morgan/Lisa** to review list of church members for possible volunteers. **Not done.**
 - **Lisa** will reach out to UU Clearwater for male OWL facilitators. **Not done.**
- Election of officers for 2016-17
 - Michael (chair)
 - Morgan (clerk)
 - Beate (treasurer)
 - Dolores (communications)
 - **Vote:** Morgan moved to approve the above slate of officers for 2016-17. Beate seconded. All approved.
- Treasurer's report
 - **Action: Michael** will send Beate the 2016-17 budget tracking spreadsheet.
 - **Action: Beate** will track RE spending/income against the 2016-17 budget plan.
- Coordinator's report
 - Hogwarts
 - Need a subcommittee and planning meetings. Help with volunteer coordination needed.
 - **Action: Morgan** will schedule a meeting with Lisa to kick off Hogwarts planning.
 - Class updates
 - High Schoolers meeting alternating Sunday evenings.
 - Middle School and Up meeting 4 Sundays/mo.
 - 2 weeks popcorn theology
 - 1 week craft
 - 1 week social justice program
 - Upper elementary meeting 4 Sundays/mo.
 - Starting book drive

- Lower elementary meeting 4 Sundays/mo.
 - **Action: All** will bring in magazines for use in lower elementary class.
 - **Action: Lisa** will plan a fun activity for the second week in September.
 - All-ages service: October 30
- 2016-17 goals and issues
 - Report to Board
 - Growth of program
 - Need for volunteers
 - Integration of RE program with greater congregation
 - Program council
 - Young adults group
 - Increase participation with other programs
 - Keep supporting Sunday morning program
 - Better communication among teachers/staff
 - **Action: Lisa** will send Michael her list of goals/issues for RE.
 - **Action: Michael** will write up goals/issues for committee review.
 - **Action: All** will review the goals/issues report for the BOT.
 - **Action: Michael** will submit the goals/issues report to the BOT.
- Policy and procedure review
 - **Action: Lisa** will review the check in/out policies and send updates to Michael.
 - **Action: Michael** will update the RE policies for committee review.
 - **Action: Lisa** will ask the worship committee to preface Time for All Ages with a reference to RE participants who are not in the Sanctuary. (E.g., “Our youth are already upstairs and our youngest in the nursery, but can we please get the rest of the kids to come up for time for all ages...”)
- Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.

Minutes approved by the RE Committee on September 8, 2016.