

## ***RE Council Meeting Minutes October 21, 2018***

***Attendance:*** Geri Knoebel (chair), Mia Noren, Callie Cone, Carol Cowan, Nicia Rae, Benita Terrell. Desiree Spielman, Eric Keiter  
*Stirling is dropping off the Council because he is over-committed.*

### ***Opening Words – Benita***

***Appreciation cards for:*** Stirling (leaving RE Council); Arianna (new RE Aide); Linda Bairstow, Critter Club appreciation card (discussed timing of Critter Club - during teacher holiday times seems to work well).

***Administrative Agenda:*** September 16th minutes Corrections added. Approved.

- *RE Council Meeting Dates*

### ***Discussion***

- *Program Evaluation Portfolio -postponed til November meeting*
  - *Consulting with DRE utilizes a range of methods including surveys, meetings, and informal conversations to conduct an on-going RE program evaluation. The Program Evaluation Lead uses that information to prepare a report, which the RE Council and DRE utilize to build on strengths and troubleshoot weaknesses in the RE program.*
- *Mia confirming help*
  - *Sundays, December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> (Mia is having shoulder surgery)*
- *Recruiting Council members*
  - *– Recruitment vacancy, Eric minutes??*

### ***Future Dates***

#### ***November 2018***

- *Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>- REC Meeting 12:30 P; Interfaith Thanksgiving Music Service, 3:00 PM*
- *Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup>- Teach holiday, Children's chapel with Jane*
- *Friday, November 30, "Charlie Brown" movie night 6:00*

#### ***December 2018***

- *Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> – Mia needs Council help in RE; Silent Auction/ Holiday gifts for Camp*
- *Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>- Youth Roadrunner work day 11-2*
- *Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, Mia needs Council help in RE; Animal Advocates craft sale*
- *Friday, December 14, Potluck Theology, Memorial Hall, 6:00 -8:00*
- *Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>- REC meeting*
- *Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>- Teacher Holiday with Critter Club activity, Children's chapel*
- *Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>- Christmas Eve Pageant service*
- *Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup>- No RE- Full Intergenerational service*

#### ***January 2019***

- *Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup> – RE Teacher training 10:30-12:00, teacher holiday with Critter Club*
- *Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, Youth Roadrunner work day 11-2*
- *Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> – elementary & mid-high RE begins; OWL parent orientation for mid-high*

- January 19-21- MLK Con, youth, Denver
- Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup> – no REC meeting; OWL orientation for elementary, Mid High OWL begins
- Sunday, January 27 - Children's Chapel

**February 2019**

- Friday Feb 1-Sat Feb 2, NM Cluster mid-high youth overnight, Santa Fe

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**Geri Knoebel, Chair**

**October 2018**

1. Linda and I really enjoyed the RE Gathering at our house last month. It was a good community-building event.
2. As you are aware, Benita has agreed to be the next RE Council Chair effective February 2019. We are working on familiarizing Benita with the activities and responsibilities of the Council Chair.
3. The Board has expressed a desire to have a LaAmikoj youth to serve on the Board. It is the role of the Leadership Succession Committee to nominate candidates for Board positions. Any suggestions for the LSC?
4. General discussion regarding youth-reported unhappiness with how they feel they are perceived by general membership (adults). We discussed:
  - a. Youth board member
  - b. Youth visibility
  - c. Youth meeting with Rev. Angela Herrera Nov 11 to discuss these issues.
  - d. Evolution of how youth participate in church
  - e. Discussion of youth characteristics that feed this phenomena (note- H.S. youth engage in "conceptualizing religion as an outside authority that can be questioned.)
  - f. Ways that youth could be involved: worship, ushering, coffee, chalice lighter. Actually, youth are doing all of these things.
5. Mia is going to have shoulder surgery on November 28<sup>th</sup>. She anticipates being out of work for at least a couple of weeks, so she is asking to have at least one Council member helping out with RE on Sunday December 2<sup>nd</sup> and December 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - Mia and Alymay at LREDA Fall Conference: Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>: Callie at 11 AM, Benita at 9:30.
  - Mia recovering from surgery: on Dec. 2 and 9:  
Desiree will do 9:30 on both days.  
Callie can do 11 on the 9<sup>th</sup>.  
Eric (tentative) can do 11 on the 2<sup>nd</sup>.
6. Thanks to Mia and Abby Clark for launching the RE Connections blog. For myself, I was able to register with WordPress but got lost after that. So I've asked that we get a demo at our meeting (unless I'm the only one having difficulty). Here are the instructions again. "Log in to your Wordpress account. On the main page, "the dashboard" on the left panel, there should be a "followed sites" link. Click on that and add our blog, RE Connections. Then, it will be listed in your "reader".

- a. *How to receive notifications of blog*
- b. *Privacy issues on blog and Face Book*
- c. *Discussion of reasons for the blog, different from Face Book*
- d. *Decision to give a couple of weeks' notice and remove unregistered families and non-volunteers from Face Book. Agreed that we should do that with blog and Face Book family page the same as we do for the mid-high and youth pages.*

### ***DRE REC Report for October 2018- RE***

1. *Classes and teachers have been re-arranged. 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade meets at 11:00 only in larger Room 1; PK-K-1 is combined and meets in smaller Room 2. PK teachers were re-assigned, with a third teacher dedicated to any PKs that show up. There are at least four teachers on each team now. **So far working well.***
2. *Brie-Anne Stout's last day as R.E. Aide was 9/30, and our new Aide, Arianna Espinoza, began 9/29. Her main workdays are Saturday/Sunday, and she'll be here for staff meetings and other required gatherings.*
3. *Our RE Council retreat was held 6/29 at Chair Geri Knoebel's house. It was a really good community-building gathering for all the Council members and their families.*
4. *Potluck Theology's first session happened on Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. I invited teachers, advisors, floaters, and their families. We had 12 adults and 6 children show up, and two child care workers. It went very well and there was good feedback! (Two adults were staff- Mia and Alana)*
7. *The RE website has been updated and revised. Let it be known if you notice anything that needs further updating.*
  - ***RE Website is updated.... Laura is the new publications person. New church admin named Beth Welt. Part time now, full time later.***
5. *Discussion on this item: Potluck Theology went well, will need to find a new meeting location*
  - ***It was held in the memorial hall. (not a loud bar). For Nov and Dec, on 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month, but we'll have to change that starting in Jan. (Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>, December 14<sup>th</sup> - starting at 6pm. 6:00-8:00); adults involved in RE are invited***
6. *My new blog for the R.E. community launched on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Please let me know if you haven't received an invitation. I invited all staff, re volunteers, and registered families to the private blog. Many thanks go to volunteer Abby Clark for helping me get it launched. New entries will be published on a weekly basis- I am aiming for Thursdays. While access to forms and information is generally available on the blog, it is intended more to communicate on a more thoughtful level with the RE Community. Many DRE's that publish a blog use it to communicate about family ministry.*
7. *Linda Bairstow, who runs Critter Club, conducted a very successful lesson for children and youth on our last teacher's holiday, October 14. I've let her know about our Nov., Dec., and Jan. teacher holidays and will have her pick one of those to conduct another class.*

8. *I will be attending this year's LREDA (Liberal Religious Educators Assoc.) Fall Conference, in Houston from Nov 1-5 with our Youth Coordinator, Alymay Atherton. We will both be taking the Ministry with Youth Renaissance Module, a 15 hour intensive learning experience.*

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### **Alymay Atherton, Youth Programs Coordinator**

#### **October 2018 Report**

9. *The YAC (Youth Adult Committee) had its first meeting to plan the Halloween Dance on October 26<sup>th</sup>. This year, they would like the Halloween Dance to be a fundraiser geared towards congregants mid-high age and older due to past complaints from parents of young kids that it was not intergenerational-friendly. The elementary-geared Halloween festivities will be on Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>.*
  - a. *See minutes in Geri's Report for summary of discussion about this.*
10. *Mid-High is continuing to explore thematic ministry and work on group dynamics and creating a beloved community.*
11. *The La Amikoj group will have a conversation with Angela on November 11<sup>th</sup> about youth-adult relations in the congregation, and how we can make our community more accepting of youth. I look forward to seeing the results of this conversation.*
12. *Two youth and one youth advisor travel to Salt Lake City this weekend (19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>) for MDD Fall Con, which is focused on UU History this year. They are planning a sack lunch fundraiser on the 28<sup>th</sup> to pay for these expenses.*
13. *The YAC will continue to meet twice a month for the remainder of the regular church year to plan youth events and activities.*
  - a. *They meet at 9:30, in case you are curious. Dates/times should be on the LaAmikoj FB page. For mid-high and HS youth. Youth and their parents were notified via email.*
14. *The Roadrunner Food Bank date for November is November 10<sup>th</sup>. 11:00-2:00*

### **Carol Cowan, Curriculum Lead**

#### **October Report**

*We met on 9/17/18 to plan October. We forgot to schedule a date for the next meeting. The meeting is now on October 10 (to plan November) at 5:30 in the RE building. We are hoping that Blake and Chase will join us for the October meeting to plan November. Mia, Carol, and Desiree met and had a short meeting. No one liked the materials provided for Formation theme.*

#### **Group Discussion on Formation topic**

- *WE can use lessons prepared by another member of the team. Simply modify the lesson as needed to fit your age group. Team members should spend about one to two hours to plan the lesson. Keep it simple. We do not want anyone to burn out doing this!*
- *Think about how each lesson relates to UU Sources and Principles.*

- Desiree made a chart in Google Docs to keep track of sources and principles that relate to the lessons. (Carol had difficulty using the Excel chart, so she made a chart in Word, that is more user friendly for folks with Computer deficiency!) Carol deleted the Excel chart to avoid confusion on Oct 5. Curriculum team will fill in the WORD chart with dates as lessons are prepared and taught, so that Mia can use it for reference.

**October 2018: Formation is about choice, growth, character, judgment, failure, and success, as well as purpose and doubt.**

**PK-1 Lead: Desiree                      2-3 Lead: Carol                      4-5 Lead: Kathy**

**Oct 7- 60 minutes (Morning Sing at 9:15/10:45)**

**PK- 1 Growth Mindset (Desiree)**

**2&3 Fire Race, A Karuk Coyote Tale (Carol)**

*Principle #2- We believe all people should be treated fairly.*

*#4 A free and responsible search for truth and meaning (We search for what is true.)*

*Our 5<sup>th</sup> source- the use of reason and the discoveries of science*

<b>Room Rotation Summary</b> <b>PK-Grade 1</b> Room 2, 3, 1 <b>Grades 2&amp;3</b> Room 3, 1, 2 <b>Grades 4&amp;5</b> Room 1, 2, 3	<b>Room Rotation Summary</b> <b>PK-Grade 1</b> Room 2, 3, 1 <b>Grades 2&amp;3</b> Room 3, 1, 2 <b>Grades 4&amp;5</b> Room 1, 2, 3
<b>ROOM 1 9:45- 10:00 Grades 4&amp;5</b> ART ACTIVITY planned by <b>Blake</b> Sugar Skull Art	<b>ROOM 1 11:15-11:30 Grades 4&amp;5</b> ART ACTIVITY planned by <b>Blake</b> Sugar Skull Art
<b>ROOM 1 10:00-10:15 Grades 2&amp;3</b> ART ACTIVITY planned by <b>Blake</b> Sugar Skull Art	<b>ROOM 2 11:30 -11:45 Grades 2&amp;3</b> ART ACTIVITY planned by <b>Blake</b> Sugar Skull Art
<b>ROOM 1 10:15-10:30 PK-Grade 1</b> ART ACTIVITY planned by <b>Blake</b> Sugar Skull Art	<b>ROOM 3 11:45 –NOON PK-Grade 1</b> ART ACTIVITY planned by <b>Blake</b> Sugar Skull Art
<b>ROOM 2 9:45- 10:00 PK-Grade 1</b> ACTIVITY planned by <b>Desiree</b> Spider Web Maze	<b>ROOM 2 11:15-11:30 PK-Grade 1</b> ACTIVITY planned by <b>Desiree</b> Spider Web Maze
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<i>SONG- If You're a Monster &amp; You Know IT</i>	<i>SONG- If You're a Monster &amp; You Know IT</i>
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*Our 6<sup>th</sup> source- the harmony of nature and the sacred circle of life  
4&5 Elizabeth Tapper Wilkes*

**Oct 14 Teacher Holiday- Critter Club Activity by Linda, start in Sanctuary**

**Oct 21 Children's Chapel (Morning Sing at 9:15/10:45)**

*PK- 1 The Dot (Desiree)*

*2&3 The Three Questions*

*Principle #4 We believe each person is free to search for what is true and right in life.*

*Source #3- the ethical and spiritual wisdom of the world's religions*

*4&5 The Three Questions – Chase will adapt for Grades 4&5*

**Oct 28 Halloween Parade in Sanctuary**

***We will not have a lesson. The children will do a rotation to various Halloween themed activities.***

*Three Curriculum people will prepare one-15 minute activity to take place in their room. This same activity repeats in that room every 15 minutes.*

*All of the classes will rotate to each room for 15 minutes.*

***The Planner of the Project or Lead will remain in the classroom for the entire session.***

***The Assistant will travel with their children to the various rooms.***

***The Floaters will help in room 4 with Snacks.***

***Hall Monitor will ring a bell when it is time to move to the next room.***

*Everyone meets in Room 4 for Snacks after completing 3 stations.*

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***Nicia Rae, UU Kids Camp***

*The only development for camp is that our O'Neill's fundraiser will be November 6 from 4-8. Flyers will be required; however, we might be able to make them available electronically.*

- Upcoming Fundraisers: O'Neills on Nov 6 from 4:00-8:00. You do not need a flyer, all you need to do is mention to your waitperson that you are there supporting UU Kid's Camp. There will also be a camp information table at the restaurant.*

- *Discussion re: details of organizing dinner. Silent Auction Dec 2 details. Suggestion that fundraising team have another organizing meeting so they're all on same page.*

### ***Other updates:***

*Callie: We have the teams for OWL this year, so things are moving along.*

#### *Desiree, Community Connections*

- *Movie night sparsely attended. Had technical difficulties. Another is scheduled for Nov. Mia: a lot of monthly things have had attendance fall off. Mia: it might be good to have both a children and a youth one. Alternate? Carol: maybe alternate movie and game night? Mia: one issue is that Alymay only has 10 hours a week to do everything and already has too much to do. Mia: youth and kid game nights would be pretty different (RRPG games vs. board games). Mia will talk more to Alymay about making this happen.*

