

REC Meeting – **April 25th, 2019**

Wesson Room

6:00-7:30

Attending: Benita, Mia, Carol, Eric, Desiree and Nicia

Administrative

- No minutes from March – discussion with Steve Phillips over Social Hall door to wildlife area.
- Social Hall Renovation: Alison Grady and Chuckie McHenry will meet with Donna to discuss Social Hall renovation. Want parents & kids to be involved with the process to make it kid-friendly.
- May Meeting: May 23rd from 6:00-7:30

Portfolio Reports

DRE Report – Mia

- Potluck theology on May 3rd w/ new minister, Bob LaValle.
 - Only have one childcare person (Charlotte Clark) Probably set up a movie for kids.
 - Suggestion to skip theology part, just make it social as there may be lots of kids.
- No Field Day.
 - Elements of Field Day will be combined with the BBQ re-scheduled for Sept 14th.
 - Mia needs help with the RE BBQ
 - Send out Save the Date
 - Start putting important dates at the bottom of every monthly calendar.
- Pool Party
 - Desiree will see if we can get the W. Mesa pool for Sat., Aug 10th from 5-7:00
- Teacher Holiday (only one) falls on July 21st, the day the kids leave for camp.
- Move High Schoolers back to 11:00 am?
- Summer Curriculum
 - Do Popcorn Theology w/ The Simpsons. Open to all youth.
- Youth Family Potluck to welcome rising 6th graders and all youth back to Youth Programming
 - Group together after dinner w/ a variety of ages.
 - Talk about programs, what's different, what's changing, etc.
- Youth Programs Coordinator
 - Position will be filled, but person will need summer to ramp up.
- Mia will be on sabbatical next summer; need a curriculum that can run without her.

OWL - Callie

- Very healthy OWL program with lots of OWL aged kids and lots of volunteers.
- Fall OWL:
 - High-School OWL postponed – Curriculum is under review,
 - Possibly Mid-High OWL in fall - Want to review the mid-high curriculum for issues related to white privilege. Don't know who will lead this yet.
 - Possibly Adult OWL

Curriculum - Carol

- Using the "We Got Here Together" book in 5th. Desiree will do this on May 12th.
- Theme for next month is mystery,
- Summer Curriculum
 - No Touchstone Curriculum
 - Considering "Elementary Books and Cooks"
 - Considering "Popcorn Theology" for Sunday Youth Meeting combining Mid-High and La Amikoj

Camp – Nicia

- Bake Sale on Coming of Age Day
 - Need things to sell / Leila is preparing a lot.
 - Maybe even use snacks from Movie night
- Events – often better attended right after church
 - Silent Auction in December
 - Soup Lunch at Congregational meeting
 - Bake Sale at Coming of Age service
 - Possible Xmas Eve celebration fundraiser between services

New Business

Intergenerational Chess Night proposal – to hold a chess meeting once a month, starting about 5:30 Or 6:00. No potluck, childcare or drop-offs. People can bring their own snacks if they want. There has been a lot of positive feedback from youth so far. We need to put the word out to adults and seniors.

Future Dates

Apr 28, Sunday – Coming of Age service and Bake Sale

May 12, Sunday - last day of curriculum

May 17, Thursday – Matt Meyer Social Justice Workshop 7:00-8:30p

May 18, Saturday – Matt Meyer Music/Worship Workshop 9:00-12:00p

May 18, Saturday - Youth work day at Roadrunner Food Bank, 11:00-2:00p

May 19, Sunday - 8:00 am Worship in the Wilderness

May 19, Sunday – Mini-Camp Sunday

May 23, Thursday – RE meeting in the Wesson room from 6:00-7:30

May 26, Sunday – No RE; childcare for 4 and under only

June 2, Sunday - Bridging during service

June 7, Friday – Pride Expo

June 8, Saturday – Pride Parade

June 8, Sunday - Youth work day at Roadrunner Food Bank, 8:00-11:00

June 19-23, General Assembly (LREDA Professional Days begin June 18)

June 23, Sunday – Children’s Chapel?

July 7, Sunday – Teacher Holiday?

July 21-26 Sun-Fri – UU Kids’ Camp

July 28, Sunday - Dan’s last day

July 28, Sunday – Children’s Chapel?

August 4, Sunday - Teacher Holiday, Teacher Training

August 11, Sunday - first day of classes (Soul Matters!?) Start in Sanctuary and Teacher Litancy and Backpack Blessing. Assistant Minister Bob LaVallee’s first day.

August 25, Sunday – Children’s Chapel

Written Reports

DRE REC April Report – Mia

DRE Report to RE Council for April 2019

1. My interview before the Religious Education Credentialing Committee was Wednesday, April 3. I am happy to share that I was granted Credentialed Status!
2. I have three applicants for the YPC position and will be pursuing interviews once the deadline of April 12 is past.
3. OWL programs will wrap up in April and I’m still arranging good dates to host the OWL facilitator’s dinners - elementary and youth. The first round didn’t result in a date that all facilitators could attend.
4. We participated in an interfaith children’s art project sponsored by Congregation Nahalat Shalom.

5. We're having a hard time getting teachers, advisors, and floaters to sign up, even through we're still in April. Usually there's a fall-off in volunteerism in RE at the end of the session, but this is a little early.
6. A playground clean-up date is scheduled for 4/7.
7. We have two youth and one advisor signed up for the Spring Con in Ft. Collins, CO although last I heard, there are not enough people signed up to make it a go. They need 50, and there are 35 as of this writing.
8. Guest at your Table will wrap up with the April 14 intergenerational service.
9. Easter Can Hunt is planned for Easter morning, and we continue to collect canned goods for that effort.
10. The Coming of Age service is April 28.

Camp Report - Nicia

March was pretty uneventful for camp. April has been busy though. We've had the goodwill bin in RE all month and have filled about 3 of them (~\$150). Ohana is having a clothing swap on 4/20 and will donate the remaining items to the bin. All church members are welcome and there will be an ice cream potluck as well! The bake sale will be on the 28th, after the Coming of Age services. We could use some help with baked goods/ snacks. The scholarship account is looking stable enough that we might not need the SJC grant this year. A decision will be made on Sunday, 4/21. Meghan is hoping to have registration open by May 1.

OWL Report – Callie

Mid-high, 4-5th grade, and K-1st grade classes have all finished. Mia is taking teacher teams out to dinner this week to honor their work and discuss how classes went. Looking ahead to the 2019-2020 school year, Alana put together lists of kids eligible for K-1, 4-5, 7-9, and 10-12 grade OWL. There appear to be enough to make classes for all grades next year, depending on the actual interest of the families and availability of teachers. In fact, there are 22 eligible 4-5 graders, which would be enough to make 2 classes. We have been discussing offering 4-5 grade OWL in the fall, and again, if needed, in the spring. In addition, we have been considering scheduling the 7-8 grade OWL in the fall in order to avoid offering it at the same time as Coming of Age. In years past 8th graders participating in both COA and OWL would have extremely long Sundays at church, and this year several families reported they had to choose between the two.

Adult OWL is still on the horizon but not scheduled.

Curriculum Report - Carol

PRESENT: Mia, Carol, BrieAnne, Kelsey, met on March 24 to plan April sessions.

ABSENT: Alana in OWL, Desiree checked in several times but taught OWL.

Next Curriculum Team Meeting on April 28 at 12:15 meet at table in RE Foyer.

Nahalat Shalom Children's art project information is in Google Docs. Please look at it.

Brie-Anne has graciously offered to take the lead on this project and presented her lesson plan today. It was decided that the PK through fifth grade classes will participate. The lesson is posted in Google docs. All of the classes will meet in the RE foyer to watch the video Barroux

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XKTjjUY2l1I>. Class will continue in the foyer where children will do the drawings either on the floor (rug rolled back) or at the tables. Arianna will set up the video and get it started. Desiree will switch her 45 minute posted lesson to April 28. Kelsey will remain in his room if he decides to do this project.

BENITA: Can this be a Social Justice Activity? Reception Event at Nahalat Shalom is April 28th, 3-5pm-

APRIL Theme Salvation/Wholeness

March 31 60 minutes **Nahalat Shalom Welcome Project**

April 7 60 minutes **Salvation/Wholeness**

April 14 Intergenerational Family Service NO CLASS

April 21 Easter Can Hunt NO CLASS

April 28 (begin in Children's Chapel 45 minutes) **Salvation/Wholeness**

MAY Theme Mystery

May 5 begin in sanctuary 45 minutes (ministerial candidate)

May 12 60 minutes (Mother's Day)

GROUP DISCUSSION

Feel free to add to definition Salvation/Wholeness and what focus will be each week.

Please think about this and come up with a way to define it that will help children to understand the concept being presented in a particular lesson.

- Post completed lesson to Google Docs by WED PM of the lesson week so RE Staff can get supplies together.
- Fill in the Principles & Sources chart in Google Docs.
- Carol posts all lessons for 2&3 on Google docs by the first class meeting of theme.
- If you base your lessons on the 2&3 lessons, make changes to fit your age group. That may mean more questions, different projects, and different chalice readings.

6.8.1: Session 7: The Second U- The lesson has a lot of great ideas that would work for various age groups.

Take a look: <https://www.uua.org/re/tapestry/children/grace/session7/115314.shtml>

Carol will post Noah lesson for Salvation that can be adapted for different age groups. I am working on "Activity 1: Playing Noah, Playing God" to be used with Grades 2&3.

APRIL THEME: SALVATION/ WHOLENESS

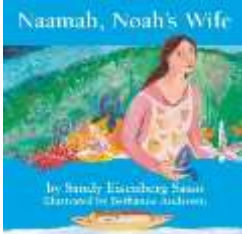
Do you know what the word the word, salve, means? *(an ointment to promote healing of the skin or as protection, something that is soothing or consoling for wounded)*

This month our theme is Salvation/wholeness. What is a Salvation? *(safe from harm, ruin, or loss)* Allow children to respond. If someone hasn't said it already, mention: *(healing, For UU's, salvation is for everyone. Unitarian Universalists believe that everyone is saved. We believe in each person's importance and goodness, and welcome everyone into our church community.)*

What is wholeness? *(in an unbroken or undamaged state, UU seek to make people whole in body, mind, and spirit)*

MARCH 31- 45 minutes Children's chapel (Morning Sing at 9:15/10:45)

PK-1	Brie-Anne present ideas: Welcome We Are Strangers TOO! Art Project for collaborative Exhibit at Nahalat Shalom CLASS IN RE FOYER	Materials from Nahalat Shalom are posted in the April folder lesson by Brie-Anne in April folder
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MID HIGH	Kelsey will remain in his room if he decides to do this project. Or maybe NO CLASS?	
April 5 Pot Luck Theology 6pm babysitting provided		
APRIL 7 60 minutes (Morning Sing at 9:15/10:45)		
PK-1	<i>Noah's Wife: The Story of Naamah</i> by Rabbi Sandy Eisenberg Sasso, author and Bethanne Andersen, illustrator (2002) 	https://www.uua.org/re/tapestry/children/wonder/session8
2-3	6.8.1 Session 7: The Second U Playing Noah, Playing God Talk about Universal Salvation	https://www.uua.org/re/tapestry/children/grace/session7/115314.shtml
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MID HIGH	Truth in Religious Life / Transition to April Salvation Theme How ministers get to truth, how people get to truth	Principles: 3rd, 4th Source: all, really Guest: see if a minister can join?

APRIL 14 NO RE- INTERGENERATIONAL SERVICE END GUEST AT YOUR TABLE

APRIL 21 NO RE- EASTER CAN HUNT

APRIL 28 45 minutes Children's chapel (Morning Sing at 9:15/10:45)		
April 28 Curriculum Team meets in RE FOYER 12:15pm		
PK-1	 LAST STOP ON MARKET STREET BY MATT DE LA PEÑA, AUTHOR AND CHRISTIAN ROBINSON, ILLUSTRATOR (2015)	https://www.uua.org/re/tapestry/children/chalicechildren/session11/298193.shtml

2-3	<p><i>Prayer for the Earth: The Story of Naamah Noah's Wife</i> by Rabbi Sandy Eisenberg Sasso, author) 1996 https://www.uua.org/re/tapestry/children/wonder/session8 make seed bombs</p>	
4-5	 <p><i>Noah's Wife: The Story of Naamah</i> by Rabbi Sandy Eisenberg Sasso</p>	<p>https://www.uua.org/re/tapestry/children/wonder/session8</p>
MID HIGH	<p>GO TO COMING OF AGE</p>	
<p><i>Friday May 3 Pot Luck Theology - Ministerial Candidate will attend (maybe Angela, too) babysitting provided</i></p>		
<p><i>MAY 5 45 minutes start in sanctuary- Ministerial Candidate will preach</i></p>		
<p><i>MAY 12 60 minutes</i></p>		