

REC Minutes – Nov 17, 2019
RE Bldg, 12:30-2:00

Attending: Nicia, Desiree, Benita, Chris, Carol, Mia, Eric, Callie

Administrative

- October Minutes Approved
- December 8th – Help with RE needed – Sanctuary Start
 - Callie can come as early as 9:00 if Mia decides she needs help then
 - Desiree can help at 9:30
 - Chris can come at 10:30.

Discussion Items

- Potluck Theology Teams
 - Create teams to rotate leading the discussion. Mia has materials from Soul Matters. She can craft the lesson for the meeting or the leaders can do it, in which case, she is available for guidance.
 - Mia will send out the material she develops for December so that the Council can see what is involved.
 - Current volunteer leaders are Nicia, Chris and Benita. Nicia will reach out to Nissane, Allison, and Erica. Benita will ask Phil and Abby.
- Sabbatical Team
 - Benita, Brienne Stout and Geri Knoebel will comprise the team to handle things during Mia's sabbatical.
- Youth needs connection w/ worship service beyond tokenism.
 - How do we get children and youth into Sanctuary as participants and not just as observers?
 - Families lighting chalice
 - Youth Ushers
 - Mentoring relationships
 - Create a Bridging program (handbook exists)
 - Inter-Gen Services – youth should be involved, not just observing.
 - Have one service for Families, and one for Adults only (like Christmas Eve services). RE would be during Adult Service.
 - Gives us more volunteers to draw from
 - Easier to tie the service to RE
 - First Steps
 - Mia will be discussing this with Bob
 - REC needs to be active in the new Strategic Planning meetings.
 - Need to work w/ the worship team
 - Mia will share with us what she learned at LREDA – time and place TBD
- MLK Day in January
 - No response to Alana's inquiry of Kathy McGill
- Resilience is February theme

Other Business

- RE Classrooms Suggestions
 - Remove noisy fidgets from classrooms
 - Nametags hung outside of individual classrooms rather than foyer

Portfolio Reports (see full reports below)

- Program Evaluation Report – Group
 - From Alana’s Report – The All Youth Group had a successful RE Class; they played Link Tag for half the lesson and the advisors thought having an active game helped.
- OWL – Callie
 - Full teaching team for 7-8 OWL, partial teams for both K-1 and 4-5.
 - Re: Mia, registration fees will be raised slightly, but scholarships still available; non-members are not eligible for scholarships
- Youth – Alana (Chris presents)
 - Youth would not commit to help with Halloween party so will return to an inter-generational party next year.
 - La Amikoj attendance is dwindling. Unclear why.
 - All Youths class will get a less on financial literacy on the 24th from Kris Kennedy. Will also talk about pledging after coming of age and joining the church.
 - Social Event - November 27th (Wednesday) Roller King 6:00-8:00
 - Julian Goodwin will be joining the Youth Advising Team, starting with social events or social classes.
 - Youth Advisor Training will be held on a Saturday in January from 9-5:00 (Date TBD)
- Curriculum - Carol
- Camp Fundraising – Nicia
 - Goodwill picked up 2 bins and working on having a bin on premises year round in RE.
 - Silent Auction on the 24th
 - About \$1,000 short of desired donations values in order to reach \$4,000 goal; still soliciting donations
 - Need volunteers and goodies for Bake Sale

Future Dates

November 17th, Sunday – RE Council Meeting 12:30-2:00
November 20th, Wednesday - Chess Night 5:30-7:30
November 24th, Sunday - Camp Auction

December 1st, Sunday – Teacher Holiday; Santa Skip will be here.
December 6th, Friday – Potluck Theology 6-8:00
December 15th, Sunday – Council Meeting 12:30-2:00
December 18th, Wednesday - Chess Night
December 20th, Friday - Game Night
December 21st, Saturday – Roadrunner Food Bank 8-11:00
December 24th, Tuesday – Special Christmas Eve Service – Time?
December 29th, Sunday – Multi-generational Service

January 21st, Tuesday, REC mtg at Benita’s house, 6pm (potluck) if OWL conflicts; otherwise regular time on January 19th
February 19th, Sunday – No REC meeting / annual break
March 10th, Tuesday, REC mtg at Benita’s house, 6 pm (potluck) if OWL conflicts; otherwise regular time on March 15th
April 19th, Sunday – regular REC meeting at church 12:15-2:00

Reports

OWL - Callie

Alana has reserved rooms and is sending out registration emails to families soon. We have a full teaching team for 7-8 OWL, and we have partial teams for both K-1 and 4-5. I'm trying to recruit previously trained teachers to join these teams.

Callie

Youth – Alana

Past: The All Youth Group had a really successful RE class. They played Link tag for half of the lesson, and the advisors thought having an active game helped. I will try to implement more of that in those classes. The Halloween Party turned out as good as it could. Without a large room or a sound system, it was difficult to have a dance party. It ended up being a more low-key get together. However, it was difficult to get any of the youth to commit to help plan or set up, so the party will become intergenerational again next year.

La Amikoj attendance is dwindling. I planned to show a really great documentary, and no one showed. It happened again this past Sunday. It's unclear what is keeping the youth from attending. I am hoping the new Lunch Group, starting today, will help,

Coming up: The All Youth class will get a lesson on financial literacy with Kris Kennedy on the 24th. It will be a short lesson, about 20 minutes, going over how to manage money youth get from work, holidays, or by other means. She will also briefly talk about how to pledge when you join the church after coming of age.

The next Social Event will be the 27th at Roller King from 6-8. Admission is free, but skate rentals cost a small fee. I am working on the calendar for December.

Other news: Julian Goodwin let me know he is ready to join the youth advising team. He has not been able to be in any classes yet this year, so he will start slow – probably a social event or social class.

Camp Report - Nicia

We have been really busy with fundraising this month. 2 bins were picked up by Goodwill and 2 more are just about full. Alison is working out the details to have a bin in RE all year. We have also been collecting donations for the Silent Auction on November 24th. We are about \$1000 short of our desired donation values in order to reach our \$4000 goal for the event. We are also still looking for volunteers to bring goodies for the bake sale. We are hopeful that we will be able to get the additional donations and volunteers that we need to meet our goal. I believe that the youth will be singing camp songs during the event. If weather permits, we will have a table outside to create more space indoors. Although we did not plan on having a "rummage sale" table due to space concerns, we are reconsidering that idea due to the lack of item donations. Chuckie has been helping to pick up donations and distribute thank you cards. Desiree will be taking over the thank yous in the future.

Curriculum Report - Carol

- https://docs.google.com/document/d/1bQ-nYMvNhuWVhNyl-HcR2ly8rrzt1-BvTGH_IXWli mc/edit?usp=sharing
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- **11/17/19 Carol's Curriculum Report**
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- November's theme is "What Does It Mean to be a People of Attention?" Carol and Mia prepared lessons from this theme.
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- **11/3 60 minutes Attention to our Inner Self: What Is Prayer?**
- *PKK1- In God's Name by Sandy Eisenberg Sasso*
- 2&3- Grandad's Prayers of the Earth by Douglas Wood 4&5- Grandad's Prayers of the Earth by Douglas Wood
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- **11/10 45minutes Sanctuary Start**
- *PKK1- Stick and Stone, by Beth Ferry*
- 2&3- The Lion and the Mouse from Æsop Fables.
- 4&5- The Lion and the Mouse from Æsop Fables.
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- **11/17 60 minutes Mindfulness: Turning Attentiom to the Now** *PKK1- Peaceful Piggy Meditation by Kerry Lee MacLean*
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- 2&3- Moody Cow by Kerry Lee MacLean
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- Mindfulness Jars
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- 4&5- , Moody Cow by Kerry Lee MacLean
- Thich Nhat Hanh's "4 Pebble Meditation"
- <https://mindfulnessauthenticityintroversion.wordpress.com/2015/02/07/thich-nh-at-hanhs-pebble-medit>
- Mindfulness Jars
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- **11/2445 minutes Chapel- Attention to the Abundance All Around Us** *PKK1-*
- 2&3- The Thanksgiving Door by Debby Atwell 4&5- The Thanksgiving Door by Debby Atwell
- Carol & Mia will begin working on December's theme: "What Does It Mean to be a People of AWE?"
- There are 5 lessons and 4 class meetings.
- Grades 2&3, 4&5 will use these lessons
- 12/1 teacher holiday
- 12/8 Slowing Down (snowflakes)
- 12/15 Look into Each Other's Eyes (**Hanukkah**)
- 12/22 Notice New Life (Christmas)
- 12/29 Intergenerational Service