

**RE Council**  
**Sunday, Aug 15, 2021**  
**Zoom 12:15**

Attending: Benita, Mia, Carol, Alana, Delino, Callie, Chris, Eric

Chalice Lighting

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

- June Minutes approved
- Church to open on Sept 12th (depending on Delta)
- Next RE meeting on Sep 19th

**DISCUSSION**

**What is going to happen when the church reopens? There will not be a single grand re-opening as many people will still be on zoom.**

- The reopening plan involves lots of ventilation via open windows/doors. The Family Room will be closed because of this.
- It might get harder in cold weather. Hopefully there will be vaccines for under 12 kids by then.
- Nursery will be set up so parents can watch live service.

What we know at this time about kids coming in person:

- Masks are required
- Bringing toys from home is not allowed
- Outside sink will be used a lot
- Bathroom protocols tbd, but they will need to be wiped down after class.
- There will be a chalice lighting, followed by story. For kids at 11, it will then be time to play on playground.

Kids On Zoom:

- The virtual zoom class at 10:00 will follow the same model as 11:00. There will be a chalice lighting, followed by story. For kids at 11, it will then be time to play on playground.

## REPORTS

### Youth - Alana

2021-2022 RE Registration went live on Aug 1<sup>st</sup> through The Messenger, the Broadsheet, and Facebook with FB getting the most responses.

- Right now 17 total families registered. Most of them are members of the church. Tiny percentage is not.
- 25 youth registered; 9 elementary kids so far.
- Of people polled, about 47% preferred zoom; 52% preferred in person
- People will be booted from the Families Facebook page if they don't register

### Volunteers

- Program is cooperative so can't work w/o volunteers.
- Language changed in registration form so that volunteerism is encouraged, not required.
- People were polled on level of volunteerism they would be interested in.
  - 40% chose low commitment.
  - 16.9% (3 people) chose higher level.
  - About 4 people chose non-teaching option.
- Incentives: If people register by Sept 12, then we send them a chalice kit. And they are entered them into a drawing for a gift certificate to Empire Board Game library.

### Curriculum – Carol

Not much to work with; choosing stories, haven't seen the October materials yet.

### OWL - Callie

When we OWL resumes, the kids will not go back to catch up on what they missed. It won't be developmentally appropriate at this point.

Next meeting is Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>. On the agenda:

- RE Council positions review
- Discuss Programming