

## **RE Council Draft Meeting Minutes**

May 17, 2106

**Attendees:** Geri Knoebel, Mia Noren, Angela Herrera, Desiree Spielman, Benita Terrell, Nicia Rae, Stirling Crow, Carol Cowan

### **Topics**

- Playground cleanup was good.
- The RE Picnic yesterday was great. About 80 people were there. Appreciation pins were handed out.
- Youth Program Manager was hired: Colin Spooner
- Summer Program is set and people are signing up.
- We need youth advisors.
  - We need advisors for 7 weeks.
  - Alana will be creating a list of folks who have not volunteered.
  - Stirling will be helping out contact them.
- Steven and Rodene Phillips – Geri will send a letter of appreciation from our Council.
- Spring curriculum is over.
- Mini-camp will be happening. 22 May 2016 - The camp staff comes and they run the day and they do activities they would do at camp. It's for 3rd grade onward (those finishing up 2nd grade). It's for the hour of Sunday school. It's to get them interested in going to camp. K to 2nd grade will have a regular Sunday School (with floaters).
- June 12th - Mia, Brie-Anne will be out. We need someone who will be setting up (and doing the stuff that Brie-Anne usually does).
  - Stirling can help out in the morning since he is teaching.
- We need a new Registrar (organizer) for the Camp. The person (Keith Christopher) who has been doing that for 25 years needs to retire. Mia has asked that someone shadow this person this year to know how to handle it for next year. Duties:
  - Taking the money for camp.
  - Scholarship stuff. Mia and Alana just don't have the bandwidth to handle this.
  - Organizing camp.
  - Filling out medical forms, etc.
  - Camp planning starts now (mid May) for the camp in late July.
  - He doesn't go to camp.
  - 52 kids from this church went last year.

### **Portfolio Reports**

Benita (Program Evaluation)

- Benita surveyed the Coming of Age graduates about their experiences.

- Discussion about sending teachers a survey about the most recent teaching session, classes, and curriculum.

#### Desiree (Community Connections)

- May Family Picnic was cancelled.
- BBQ on 14 May 2016 was fun!
- Maybe we will have an RE Pool Party over the summer.

#### Stirling (Recruitment)

- Pulpit Editorial with Mia, Geri, and Stirling.
- We need to use language like "Opportunity to fulfill obligations."
- We talked about possible approaches to contacting parents who haven't volunteered.
- Volunteer management is like herding cats. The work is making this a social community. Feeling connected and committed so you want to show up.
- Stirling requested that Alana touch base with him and they can work on approaches and strategies for the Fall teaching session.

#### **New Topics Discussed**

- Communication via Facebook discussion.
- Overview of Youth Programs Resource Manual.
- Bridging Ceremony - This is different from the Coming of Age service. This is for students that are graduating from high school.
- We will start enforcing the tree climbing policy in the Fall.
- Worship in the Wilderness - 12 Jun 2016.
  - Meeting at 8 in the morning at the Bosque School. We walk down to the Bosque with Angela and do a service down there. And then it's church as usual.
- Next Council Meeting: 19 Jun 2016
- 05 Jun 2016 - Next Picnic
- 07 Aug 2016 - Teacher Training
- 11 Sep 2016 - There will be OWL training happening in the RE rooms. We need to come up with something where we can have all of the RE kids. Mia recommended that we have a First UU birthday celebration. There would be 12 tables with a birthday cake at each table. Kids would sit at the table for their particular birthday month. Teachers could bring in a cake and the kids could decorate cakes. We could also have games? Regardless, the point is BIRTHDAY CAKE.