

REC JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

January 3, 2016

Present: Mia Noren, Angela Herrera, Geri Knoebel, Nicia Rae, Desiree Spielman
Began 12:30pm.

Administrative Agenda:

- Opening words by Geri Knoebel.
- Approved December Minutes.
- Next meeting scheduled for February 7, 2016; gather at 12:15 and officially begin at 12:30.
- Portfolio Reports – No reports due to Holidays.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Mia volunteers for opening and closing words at next meeting.
2. Discussed changing the time for REC council meetings. It is hard for Ministers to make it to REC meetings right after church on the 1st Sunday. Mia will send out an email to get input from absent members. Considering the 3rd Sunday instead.
3. Discussed Chair vs. President Title. To be consistent with other church committees it was decided to change the position of REC President to REC Chair.
4. Status of Teacher Recruitment: 9:30 classed filled except for the combined 2-5 class. All 11:00 classes are short one teacher. New Teacher Sign-Ups on google sheets. Will make the 1st Sunday of each Fall and Spring semester a teacher training day in the future.
5. OWL policy on non-registered families – is there one and/or should there be?
6. Handed out copies of the playground rules and policies. We discussed creating a permission slip for tree climbing and if students have a signed permission slip then they get a tree sticker on their nametag. Only kids with tree stickers are allowed to climb the trees. We need to discuss and possibly amend the swing policy.
7. Handed out draft of RE Council Resource Book and discussed council member term limits. We changed the description to specify the minister who holds the RE portfolio will attend meetings. We reviewed the descriptions and calendar.
8. Current Portfolios open in REC: Building and Grounds and Recruitment. Geri will hold the Building and Ground portfolio until someone can be found to fill it. We will look at creating a task analysis of the Recruitment position to make it look less intimidating.
9. Financial Matters
 - The First U received a \$3,325 donation from the Center of Consciousness Education. The Board approved the RE proposal to use the funds to purchase

- picnic tables for the playground so families can have lunch while their kids play and to add a retaining wall to keep the sand under the play structure for safety.
- Mia presented the proposed non-staff RE 2016 budget that will be considered by the Congregation at the end of January. In 2015, the RE operating budget was \$5,975 with a proposed increase to \$7,600 for 2016. The requested increase is primarily for volunteer recognition such as the monthly teacher team luncheons, and for community building events.
 - The Social Justice Committee has awarded \$1,500 to the UU Kids Camp.
10. Youth Coordinator – James is leaving in May and the church is looking to hire a replacement. It will be a paid 10 hrs./week position. They hope to hire someone by March so James can train” them.
11. Camp – Planning meetings should begin in late Jan/early Feb. The mini camp day will be on Sunday, May 22.

UPDATES ON PREVIOUS ACTION ITEMS

Guidelines for Youth Funds Usage Tabled from Sept 27th meeting. Wait for James to discuss.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2:00.

ITEMS ON HOLD:

- Fundraising for the UU Kids camp.
- Family Overnights - to discuss in January and plan on 1 or 2 overnights in Feb or maybe April and May.