

RE Council Minutes 7-16-17

Attendees: Geri Knoebel, Mia Noren, Carol Cowan, Stirling Crow, Benita Terrell, Nicia Rae, Colin Spooner

Reports

Gerri Knoebel, Chair Report

- 1) Thanks Benita and Nicia for agreeing to serve a second term on the Council!
- 2) Mia and I worked on making revisions to the Teacher Training Manual.
- 3) We are working with Paul Browne and Steve Phillips on refining the Emergency Procedures for fire and lockdown. The Manual is used in the teacher training which is to be held on August 6th. The revised Manual will be sent as an attachment to the transmittal email but I will not be making copies of it because it is 25+ pages.
- 4) Council discussions have begun to develop a plan for playground improvements. Initially Mia, Desiree and I will be working on this project. At our August meeting, a proposal will be submitted to the Council for the formation of a Playground Task Force and the charge for the Task Force.

We had initial discussions of the need for improvements at our June meeting in which Mia put together a preliminary list of some of the tasks:

- i) Identify which grants we want to apply for
- ii) Arrange meetings with afterschool tutoring and ESL groups to get their input
- iii) Meet with Buildings & Grounds Committee
- iv) Decide how to go about getting input from the RE community at large
- v) Contact Doug Carp at Exerplay to discuss how we go about designing what we need (ADA, +++)

We are aware that Catholic Charities received \$80,000 for a new playground from Blue Cross/ Blue Shield. Of course, this is only one funding source and there are others to be checked out and much input to consider as we proceed.

- 5) Connections Sundays are September 10th and September 17th. We will have a display which describes about RE activities. Photos are always most effective. If you have some photos of RE activities to share, please let Geri know. They would make any display more interesting.
- 6) Also we need two volunteers for those two Sundays which would be between services and a little after the 2nd service. Stirling can do this on September 10th so we need 3 other folks
 - a) 10th - Stirling and Geri
 - b) 17th - Nicia and Benita
- 7) The Board has adopted the practice of recognizing a notable volunteer each month. A card is sent to the person expressing the Church's appreciation for s/he contributions. I would like the Council to consider doing this as well. The next person I would nominate would be Steve Phillips who has made so many contributions particularly in the playground, redoing the sprinkler system. He serves on the Building and Grounds Committee and chaired the Healthy Community Committee which drafted the Child Protection Policies which were subsequently passed by the Board.

Last month, Geri sent a thank you note on behalf of the Council to Alison Grady for coordinating the successful fund raising efforts for UU Kids Camp Scholarships.

Mia Noren, RE DRE Report

- 1) Playground furniture installed, and it is wonderful. Very sturdy, in the shade, and pretty pops of color to the playground.
- 2) Security to RE Office windows repaired and we will be getting bars. (Still on order)
- 3) Teacher training set for first Sunday in August (8/6), with classes to begin the following Sunday(8/13). This year, youth advisers will participate- they'll spend the first hour in teacher training and then go to another room with Colin to continue the advisers-only portion.
- 4) I have a very motivated group working on an RE Makerspace idea. Meaghan Shattuck, Arne Gullerud, Kristen Satterlee, Andrew Fearnside so far. Meaghan is pursuing start-up funding from Intel.
- 5) The first phase of the La Amikoj, Wesson, Arnold building has been finished. New paint on ceilings and walls, and new hard flooring. All couches have been removed.
- 6) OWL, which I have not met with Callie about. I am working with Rev. Sue Joiner of UCC church to run a joint H.S. OWL group this fall. This is in the early planning stages.
- 7) Also, we are getting a coffee pot so we can have coffee for the teachers. It will be in the side kitchen.

Colin Spooner, Youth Program Coordinator

- High School Group - Will start off with an ice cream social. Think of this as a "Coming of Age" Plus themed group. We could use a few more advisors but should be set.
- Spiritual, Service" themes, and they will get to choose from three different curriculums for the days they use a curriculum.
- We could use a few more advisors, especially a male in mid-high, but should be mostly set.
- Mid-High Group - Building Bridges curriculum - this deals with learning about other faiths. All youth to have a once a month Roadrunner Food Bank service day. We wanted to do Meals on Wheels but it involves driving and won't work. August or September is when we will have a start date.
- Mia would like to have a more extensive Bridging Program (similar to Coming of Age).

Curriculum Report Fall 2017- Spring 2019

Mia and Carol: Carol feels like writing curriculum is getting a bit easier. Below is a table that describes the RE curriculum for Pre-K to 12th curriculum the Fall 2017 to Spring 2019 period. The Council thanks Mia and Carol for their extraordinary efforts to develop a multi-semester curriculum map.

Class	Fall 2017	Spring 2018	Fall 2018	Spring 2019
PK	Chalice Children Mia manages	Chalice Children Mia manages	Chalice Children Mia manages	Chalice Children Mia manages
K & 1	Around the Church Around the Year Alana manages	Around the Church Around the Year Alana manages	Creating Home Theme- LIVING FAITH Carol writes & manages	World of Wonder Theme-DEVELOP LEADERS- Carol revises & manages
		K1 OWL		K1 OWL
2 & 3	Moral Tales (Theme-LIVING FAITH- repeat from Fall 2015) Carol revises & manages	Signs of Our Faith (Theme-DEVELOP LEADERS-repeat Spr2016) Carol revises & manages	Love Will Guide Us (Theme- Creating LOVE repeat Fall 2016) Carol revises & manages	Faithful Journeys Theme-SEEKING TRUTH repeat Spring 2017) Carol revises & manages
4 & 5	God Images (25 lessons, some will be expanded to make 31/32) Carol writes & manages	God Images (25 lessons, expand some to make 31/32) Carol writes & manages	Harry Potter OR Love Connects Us Theme- CREATING LOVE)	Harry Potter OR Toolbox of Faith Theme-LIVING FAITH)
		4-5 OWL		4-5 OWL
6, 7 & 8	Building Bridges	Building Bridges	You the Creator of Justice	You the Creator of Justice
		7-8 OWL		7-8 OWL
8		9:30 Coming of Age (13 sessions in entire year + final activity)		Coming of Age
9, 10, 11, 12	Meetings to be divided between Social, Spiritual, & Service. Some Sundays will be spent on curriculum, youth will choose from a menu. In addition, will spend time on current event discussion, Ted talks, other worthy subjects. YRUU evening to be social & for planning.			
12	H.S. OWL			Bridging workshops

Nicia Rae, UU Kids Camp

- Everything is looking good and coming along.. A few people will go up early on Saturday to help setup so that everything will be prepared with the kids get up there on Sunday. 45 kids going this year. Most taking the bus.
- We have coverage for medical care.
- Benita and Keith will be doing registration from home.
- **At Camp:**
 - Registered this year:: 6 elem girls; 7 elem boys, 12 mid girls, 8 mid boys, 7 CIT girls, 5 CIT boys
 - Craftivity/ Elementary: Desiree, Lisa, Althea
 - Mid High: David, Bill, Alex, Maya
 - CIT: Alana, Dan, Dimitri
 - Nurses: Mary, Callie (1/2), Emily (1/2)
 - Queens: Meara, Meghan

- Camp Chaplain: Dan
- **Albuquerque:**
 - Registrars (from home): Benita, Keith
 - RE Council Rep: Nicia
 - Administrative: Alana
 - Fundraising: Alison
- **Other Info:**
 - Early Team: Meara, Meghan, Lisa, Desiree, Maya – 09:30 AM Church Parking Lot, Leave by 10:00 AM
 - Riding in Bus Sunday: David, Bill, Dimitri, Bus
 - Riding in Car Sunday: Mary + Althea; Emily + Dan; Callie; Alana;

Future Dates

July

- Sunday, July 23 to 28 - Children & Youth - UU Kid's Camp

August

- Sunday, August 6th - Teacher training, first day of Youth RE
- **Sunday, August 6th - Summer Family Picnic Potluck with Christine**
- Sunday, August 13th - First day elementary classes start in Sanctuary with Teacher Litany delivered by Stirling
- Sunday, August 20 – RE Council Meeting
- Saturday, August 26th – First U Celebration of Christine Robinson
- Sunday, August 27th – Christine's last service – formally called 'release of the call

September

- Sunday, September 3rd (tentative) – Pool Party
- Sunday, September 10th – Connections Sunday –
- Sunday, September 17th – Connections Sunday –
- Sunday, September 17 – RE Council Meeting

October

- Sunday, October 15 – RE Council meeting
- Friday, October 20 - Halloween Party at the Social Hall
- Saturday, October 21 - RE Council Retreat at Stirling's House from 5 PM to 8 PM
- Saturday, November 4 – Rev. Angela Herrera installation as Senior Minister

Upcoming RE Council Meeting Dates

- August 20th
- September 17th
- October 15th
- November 19th
- December 17th

January 2018 no meeting

