

## Faith Development Shared Ministry Team Meeting – Sept. 25, 2022

Members present: Jessica Hoffman, Stephanie Evans Hanson, John Tacinelli, Kim Reid, Amy Nelson, Derik Robertson

1. Scheduling the remainder of meeting dates for the year:
  - Winter meeting: Sunday, January 8, 1-3 PM at church (Focus: budget requests)
  - Spring meeting: Sunday, March 19, 1-3 PM at church (Focus: planning for following year, membership needs)
  - Summer meeting – Sunday, May 21, 1 – 3 PM at church (Focus: reflecting on the past year)
2. Team roles (these roles will remain the same for the year)
  - Facilitator: Jess Hoffman (Facilitates during the meeting)
  - Notetaker: Kim Reid (takes notes and sends to team/Erika)
  - Agendas: Amy Nelson (will send out meeting reminders and set up agendas)
3. Update on Religious Education
  - a. PreK – 5: Students start in the sanctuary and stay through the Time for All Ages. This is the beginning of their lesson. Then they move as a group to the chapel where Amy will continue and finish off the day's lesson. After the lesson is complete, kids can go to a choice room for the remainder of their time. Choices may include blocks, coloring, crafts, sticker art, rotating ideas. Volunteers are needed to be “play specialists” in the choice rooms. Hopefully this will encourage more volunteers as the volunteer doesn't need to prepare and present an actual lesson.
  - b. Middle school and high school students are strongly encouraged to attend the worship service. They have their classes in between services from 10:15 – 10:45. The middle school works through a 3-year rotation of World Religions, the Bible as Literature and The Seven Principles. The high school works through a 4 year rotation of American UU History in the Northeast, Liberal Religious History, and Comparative Religion (2 years). The Comparative Religion looks at a topic and considers how different religions approach it. The middle school and high school curricula are written by Derik Robertson and are easy to present – hopefully encouraging adults to volunteer.
  - c. Youth groups meet on Wednesdays. There will be no OWL (Our Whole Lives sexuality education) this year, but will need to take place next year as there are a bubble of kids. Coming of Age only has 2 students interested this year, so may wait until next year depending upon enrollment.
4. Faith Development Team Goals for 2022-2023 Church Year

- a. Increase the volunteers/participation in the RE wing. Currently 10 volunteers are needed each Sunday (3 for choice rooms at 9:00; 2 Middle school and 2 high school facilitators at 10:15 – 10:45; 3 for choice rooms at 11:00)
- b. Monitor consistency of participation of the kids who come to RE

5. Forum ideas

The group felt that it would be interesting to have a forum about the Middle/High school curricular focus for the year (as well as the younger kids “Choice rooms”. The topics are interesting and volunteering is relatively easy, but the group felt that the congregation as a whole didn’t know much about it. Hopefully if more people find out about the topics, they would be willing to volunteer. The forums could include sample lessons so adults could see how easy it would be to volunteer and should take place this fall.

6. Adult Faith Development

- There are some adult groups that are already going and have been going with a group for quite a while. To help new people feel comfortable in these established groups, Amy is hoping to partner a new person with an existing person to help them feel part of the group.
- An Adult Coming of Age will be offered this year. This course will be in conjunction with the UU Leadership Institute.