

RE REPORT FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING- MAY 7, 2017(2016-2017)

Committee Name- RE Committee

Purpose of Committee- Support of RE program, Director, staff, children and families by planning, assisting and organizing of RE program(s).

Members- Corrine Jackson (Chair), Marilyn Gaa(co-chair), Audrey Brooks, Janet Polkovsky, Vivian Trinh, Maria Jenkins, and Brandie Moller-Ried. Lauren Kay is an ex officio member. Karen Mills, board liaison.

Major Actions of 2016/2017- Implementation of new curriculum and programming for ALL ages in the RE program. Hiring of two staff members, Vivian Trinh as RE Assistant and Maria Jenkins as Youth Advisor.

Volunteers for this school year are: Brandie Moller Reid, Andrea Korpelainen, Janet and Alex Polkovsky, Christina Keast, Erica Slevin, Rosemary Falconer, Jolien Pauw, Lilas Lysne and many others who contributed with funds and snacks.

Outcomes Achieved-

DRE continues to attend weekly staff meetings, monthly DRE cluster meetings with the Western Region within the CUC, monthly meetings with Westwood's DRE and attend training webinars from the CUC and UUA.

Attendance level is at 36 registered students/youth in the program. 10-15 average for students/youth attending each Sunday. Students are happy and engaged in the classroom. Ongoing communications (monthly/weekly parent guides, RE Facebook group) with parents continue to improve the program. Lots of improvements to the main classroom were made as well as storage.

It is a weekly practice for the children to join the congregation in the sanctuary for their own chalice lighting, and then go to their classrooms as we sing "Go Now in Peace".

RE "all ages" events were hosted:

Halloween Bash, Drum Circle, Xmas party, Valentine's event, Youth board game event. Youth attended a bowling field trip with Westwood supported by Erica and Maria. Students performed as props for the "Everything Seed" service.

Youth Drag shows continue to be held monthly at UCE. DRE, Minister and youth support with set up and working at events. Our youth continue to perform in the events as well.

"Over The Rainbow" film showing was held at UCE in support of Camp Fyrefly.

Youth group started the school year with a joint UCE/Westwood venture. That has since stopped and we are back to a singular youth group for the UCE youth.

Youth group attended the Youth Con/Fall gathering in Saskatoon with support from Lauren, Janet, Susan, and Brandie. It was a wonderful success!

Planned Actions for 2017-18- Continuation of growth of the program is of utmost importance. Enriching and meaningful curriculum for students will continue to be implemented.

Recommendations for Board Consideration- Consideration for the need to expand the classroom spaces to allow for growing numbers, re-purposing the nursery and finishing the youth loft.