**UUCF Religious Education Report**

**February 9th 2021 Board Meeting**

**Religious Education Recap:**

* R.E. has been hosting weekly check-ins on Zoom every Sunday at 1:00pm and not much has changed from previous months as far as attendance
  + The 3 RE teachers, Kami, Sarah and Katie, join the R.E. Zooms every week, and meet with me and each other via Zoom to coordinate lessons and plan each week’s activities.
  + We have been using the Soul Matters resources with the monthly themes that correspond with the themes of the congregation
  + We have started the R.E. child spotlight of the week. Children volunteer to be the spotlight child and have time at the beginning of R.E. to share information about themselves and the rest of the children get to write them a special note. It has gone well so far.

**Moving Forward/Notes:**

* **Children’s Involvement in the Service:** I will start inviting the children to pre-record the TFAA with me so we get greater child involvement in the service.
* **RE Committee Meeting:** RE Committee meetings are taking place EVERY month on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 3:30 pm on Zoom. **The next RE Meeting will be February 21st.**
  + **Notes and areas of discussion from the January Committee meeting:**
    - Re-evaluating the DRE job description to see what needs to be updated or changed. (Rev. Jason may have a copy for reference)
    - Organizing once a month parents get togethers on Zoom (organized by the parents/R.E. committee)
    - Making Valentine’s cards for the Valentine bake sale
      * families/children are invited to make Valentine’s for our congregants that will be delivered with the bake sale items
    - UUCF Food Drive
      * involving the families in the UUCF R.E. food drive
        + children making a video announcement to promote the food drive
        + families signing up to pick up or deliver the food
        + children making “thank you” cards
        + children making a “thank you” video with details/stats about how much food was collected as follow-up to the food drive
        + try to make the a monthly RE project
    - R.E. Family activity- March 20th
      * cultural spring celebration themed scavenger hunt organized by Sarah Wittenberg-Hawe
    - **R.E. buying its own Zoom Account: $149.90/year**
      * This can easily come out of the R.E. budget based on the decrease in expenses online
      * Will allow for R.E. to occur during the services or earlier in the day on Sunday, or other activities at any other time without interfering with other UUCF activities.
      * Hilary Key has expressed an interest in becoming the R.E. Committee president.

Report respectfully submitted by

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