

DLE Board Report – July 2016

Curriculum for Children and Youth:

- 10:30am: Programming & Education for Children and Youth

SPECIALTY CLASS SUMMER FORMAT

Children (preK-5th grade) and Youth (6th-12th grade, 12-18yrs) are invited to join their families in the service through the Story Wisdom. Following Story Wisdom, Children (preK-5th grade) will follow their teachers to the large classroom space. Youth (6th-12th grade, 12-18yrs) will REMAIN IN THE SERVICE.

This Month for Children... In July we continue our annual Specialty Class Summer! Throughout the summer the children will take part in a delightful array of activities. This month features an Independence Day celebration (complete with ice cream sundaes), Pete the Cat and His Magic Sunglasses, Super Hero Sunday, Movie Magic Sunday and more!

This Month for Youth... This month, and for the remainder of the summer, our youth will join the adults in the sanctuary for the duration of the service. Parents are to contact me in advance to make arrangements if this is problematic for their family. This provides youth with the much needed opportunity to learn to be in community with the adults of the congregation, and to learn more about UU Sunday services. This option has been posted in the FLASH.

- **Volunteer/Training/Housekeeping Matters:**
 - Once again, I had great difficulty finding two individuals to cover my one Sunday off in the month of July. This continues to be very problematic. Looking forward to the fall, we are facing a critical volunteer shortage.
 - As mentioned last month, I put together the first of what will probably be many surveys to assess the wants/needs/desires of parents in regards to programming. I did this using SurveyMonkey – a nice, convenient, on-line survey tool. Of those 20+ families who received the email, only 5 have responded thus far. I am making another attempt at gather replies before attempting to compile the results.

Families:

- Friday Night Out for July was 7/8. There was some concern at this month's FNO that there were teens skating/biking in the parking lot who attempted to enter our building and repeatedly pulled on the doors (our staff had locked the doors). Also, there were families who were not part of the congregation utilizing the playground during the time of the FNO program. This raised safety concerns for our FNO staff which were brought to the Safe Congregation Task Force. The SCRT is looking into the matter.

Adult Programming:

- Brewing Community: This group is on its summer schedule and will meet on the last Wednesday of the month in conjunction with Wednesday Supper Out.
- Wednesday Supper:
 - Summer potlucks have begun in people's homes. As mentioned under Brewing Community, the last Wednesday of each month will be dinner out at a restaurant/brewery/eatery.
- CUUPS continues to meet for lunch on the 1st Tuesday of each month at the That's A Pizza, Long Lake Rd location.

Staffing Matters:

My regular Sunday off in July is 7/17. Along with the rest of the staff, I have coordinated vacation time with the operations team for this month.

In regards to the critical volunteer shortage we are facing, I have made suggestions regarding the coordination of volunteers to Rabbi Chava and the Staff Resource committee. These suggestions were included in the document I drafted relative to compensation matters.

Policy:

I continue to work with the Safe Congregation Task Force as necessary. The SCRT now meets regularly to proactively discuss safety matters and procedural questions. This will surely benefit the congregation overall.

Attendance: class # is all age groups combined, N = Nursery

06.05.16 – N – 0, 1

06.10.16 – FNO – 10

06.12.16 – N – 0, 3

06.19.16 – N – 1, 5

06.26.16 – N – 1, 3