

AMERICAN ETHICAL UNION

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ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Report for Ethical Education Committee

Chair(s): Melissa Sinclair

Members: Sonja Keuppers (Board liaison), Bart Worden (AEU office Rep.), Randy Best (NLC Rep.)

Please provide brief updates on the following areas of your Committee that occurred or developed during 2017:

Committee's Mission/Purpose:

Works with Leadership Committee, promotes, organizes lifelong Ethical Culture curriculum.

Creates support and resources for Children/Teen/Young Adult programming, Fall conferences, curriculum library, 3-4 online meetings/webinars, quarterly articles for Dialogue

Programs/Projects:

Goal 1: *Host with co-leaders Skills Summit - October 2017*

Done. Sections I was to organize, prepare I did and it was received well.

Update - plans for Skills Summit 2018 are in place to be held at the Washington Ethical Society. Hoping to build larger attendance and more collaborative work with the team for AEU.

Goal 2: *Rebuild our EE team once again.*

I attended a portion of the NLC to present on some ideas of how to re-invigorate Sunday School and Bart and I have discussed how/who to ask for the "new again" EE committee. Sonja Keuppers has agreed to serve on committee as AEU Board rep. Still looking for person-at-large to join.

Goal 3: *Sort through Lending Library contents*

While I was in NYC for a portion of the YES conference, a set weekend or during the week to come to AEU headquarters has not been scheduled.

Goal 4: *Schedule/Plan a Weekend get-away regionally/nationally for children and parents.*

Was lead planner for Memorial Day Weekend family camping trip, and a number of Societies participated. While not yet successful organizing a joint AEU/Camp Quest weekend, did attend a Camp Quest Camp in 2017.

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Goal 5: Redo Our Ethical Culture Tapestry.

This book has great stories and articles that our children should learn, but it is in a format that does not present well for today's youth. In addition, the images are photocopies of images and it's very low quality. Getting this updated would work better for lessons to pull from.

New photos

Digital media

movement/action

Treated more as a lesson book to pull from versus a curriculum to do for the year.

UPDATE TO GOAL - I have actually started working on this with finding digital photos. I hope to find more photos in the materials at headquarters.

I have also teased out a lesson from the curriculum (with photos added in) as a lesson on Ethical Culture History. I should break up the curriculum and create individual PDFs for individual lessons versus linking the whole PDF curricula for better/easier sharing.

Other Work:

Developed planning spreadsheet for Skills Summit planning

Developed presentation based on book, "Think Like a Filmmaker" to help Ethical Societies revitalize the family experience at Sunday platform meetings

Added new content to AEU Resources Ethical Education pages

Submitted by Bart Worden 5/24/2018