

October 26 2020 Church Council Notes

Present: Lisa Cary, Rosemary Lawton, Erin Milligan, Cathy Rauch, Steve Smidowicz, Lynn Hunt

Call to order and chalice lighting

Quick check-in: Joys and concerns

Report of Policy Board Representative: Rosemary Lawton, Policy Board VP

Mission Task Force had a successful meeting with the congregation.
The Board is participating in the evaluation of Rev. Mason for her UUA Credentialing.
Board is looking at leadership development.

Report of Minister: Rev. Kim Mason - no report (on vacation)

Reports of Cluster Chairs:

- Steve Smidowicz – Stewardship Cluster
 - Financially we are stable at this time. The parking lot was resealed and that expense came from the Capital Maintenance Fund.
 - The Finance Committee is looking at Sustainable/Socially Responsible Investing.
 - Maggie Lampe is a new member of the Finance Committee and she has professional fundraising experience. Finance is also looking at a year round pledge campaign as opposed to annual.

- Clint Cruse (submitted in writing after the meeting) – Facilities Cluster
 - Facilities work day conducted on Saturday 10th. Started prepping plaster in back Fellowship Hall for repairs. Examined back door determined needed further more extensive repairs. Noted signs of continued water damage to plaster. Went up on the flat West roof, removed all leaves and debris (there was a lot), and examined the roof. Need to conduct a reseal of the roof seams and flashings but the roof itself looks OK. Reviewed current plumbing project; determined need for additional solutions/bids (underway). Reviewed overall water services/piping with an eye on how best to purge stagnant water from pipes prior to church reopening. Still under review.
 - Landscaping conducted another gardening work day on Saturday October 17.
 - The parking lot was serviced and resealed Thursday 22nd. Looks good!

- Sue Herzberg – Programming Cluster
 - Update on Worship Committee Survey - no update at this time.

 - The RE Committee has been meeting with Rev. Mason about the departure of Ben Rosensweig and how to move forward. A job description is being put together in order to seek an interim RE Director. Since most programming is done virtually, the candidate could potentially be remote. Jason McLure and Grace Munie are co-chairs of the RE Committee.
 - ERDE has been discussing events via email.

- Erin Milligan – Growth & Engagement Cluster
Alliance is meeting weekly.
Knitting Ministry meets twice a month.
Membership is meeting on October 28th. Newcomer chats are scheduled throughout the year and a Membership class is scheduled in November. Will be checking to see who is still interested in being on the Membership Committee
- Cathy Rauch – Outreach & Social Action Cluster
Social Responsibility has been having well received speakers series.
ARREST is doing well -- 45 participants at the last session.
We may need a new committee chair for Welcoming Congregations. Cathy Rauch will reach out to George and Betsy Grimm-Howell to find out who was active on the committee.

Church calendar

Tentative plan for the Council to not meet in December.

Old business:

- Forms: Committee-Group Grid (contact info) and Committee-Group Info Sheet (goals etc.)
- Committee-Group leader meeting on November 8th and maybe a virtual committee fair
The time was changed to 9:00 - 9:45 am of this meeting.
Preliminary plans were discussed.

New business:

- Church leadership and roles – idea to create video job descriptions to post on website
This was discussed as a way to introduce others to what various committees do, and how to join the committee. They could be on the website and also used on Sunday mornings to inform people about the various projects/events of committees.

Closing thoughts and adjournment

Church Council resources:

- Church Policy Board/Council contact list -
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/11Ndv-2fixQtQJU4Ntxg6FfTGTwYddQlgmEanIMc8n8/edit?ts=5eebc893#gid=0>
- Church calendar:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-CpnFwiE5K6JyT-rH-pUtGr9989aX4fk/view?ts=5eebead5>
- Names of committee chairs:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1YWeXln7xchem9jkC32s6QHV-6WY5-PKu/view?ts=5efbb532>