

November 2020 Church Council Meeting Agenda

Present: Lisa Cary, Rosemary Lawton, Erin Milligan, Steve Smidowicz, Clint Cruse, Cathy Rauch, Rev. Kim Mason, Lynn Hunt

There will not be a Council Meeting in December

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

The Policy Board completed its evaluation of Kim Mason for her UUA Fellowship process. Very positive evaluation.

The Board is holding congregation meetings on mission. The goal is to have an updated mission statement by the end of the year.

The Committee on Ministry will be asked to look at aspects of church membership.

Board is working with the Leadership & Development Committee to develop a leadership plan.

Report of Minister: Rev. Kim Mason

Rev. Kim is preaching on various words in the mission statement. Discussions and other communication options are planned for January on the mission of the church.

Working on adapting holiday observances for online services.

There will be one service on Christmas Eve at 4:30 live on zoom.

Reports of Cluster Chairs:

- Steve Smidowicz – Stewardship Cluster
 - No updates on finances at this time. A discussion has begun about the possibility of year round pledging with Margaret Weck, Maggie Lampe, Steve Smidowicz, Rev. Kim Mason and Lynn Hunt.
 - Decision still needs to be made about this year's canvass.

- Clint Cruse – Facilities Cluster
 - Maintenance: plumbing problem
 - The recommendation from other companies is to do the running of new water lines externally. Additional bids are being sought.

 - Roof
 - Clint Cruse is going to try and do some patching on the flat roof along Fellowship Hall.

 - Fence is still scheduled to be fixed. Exploring adding an additional gate to the alley fence.

 - The Memorial Garden Ash tree needs to come down. Looking for alternatives to the tree and seeking input from others in the congregation.

 - Will have another Facilities Workday in the building soon.

- Sue Herzberg – Programming Cluster
 - Update on Worship Committee Survey
 - 64 responses were received. The Worship Committee is working on the summary.

- Playground status
Working on designing the trellis/monkey bars piece to present to the committee and then to the city for a permit. Looking at installing the rocks in December.

The Religious Education committee is working on hiring an interim and is close to making an announcement. The committee is also working on the Christmas Pageant with a mix of recordings and live participation on zoom.

- Erin Milligan – Growth & Engagement Cluster
Membership Committee is reaching out to the membership with personal phone calls. It has been well received. People had good, positive conversations. There is a lot of appreciation for everything that is happening. Some are hoping that we continue to have virtual options for church even when we are back together again.

The Women's Alliance continues to meet every week via zoom.

- Cathy Rauch – Outreach & Social Action Cluster
Toward Justice needs to work on goals, but is very active. ARREST Project will be over in January -- 45 (approx) people are participating each week. January's sessions will be on theology and how it connects to social justice work.

Rosemary Lawton reported on the Social Responsibility committee. They completed their speaker series which had between 20 and 25 participants per session. Designated collections continue -- it was asked to get a report on the collections on a quarterly basis. The FCCF has decided to not have a fundraising dinner in January.

We now have an inflatable movie screen. Some discussion on logistics of use.

Church calendar

- In December: Christmas pageant (scheduled for 13th)
- In January: Midwinter Meeting on January 31st.

Old business:

- Debrief of the Committee-Group meet-up on November 8th
Might have another gathering in February and clusters can do a check-in on their own as well.
- Defining committees vs working groups vs task forces
Will re-visit in January.
- Brainstorm how to create video job descriptions to post on website
Can use zoom to do recordings. Will make plans for this in January.

New business:

- Thinking about what else we need and want to accomplish this church year

We are half way thru the year. All are encouraged to think about plans for the second half of the year.

