

Church Council Notes - June 16, 2025 6:30pm

Present: Cathy Rauch, Kathy Wilke, Fran Hoffman, Tom Finan, Kathy Wire, Grace Munie, Erin Milligan, Lynn Hunt

Absent

Report from the Administrator- Lynn Hunt

Catching up with office things after the tornado. Power was out for several days and the internet was either out or unreliable until last week.

Cash deposits were delayed because of this and that the branch we use was closed for about a week.

End of fiscal year pledge statements were mailed last week.

Fiscal year ends June 30th – cash flow is tight right now.

Augustine Underwood will be taking vacation in July. Rev. Kim will be taking a combination of study leave and vacation scattered throughout the end of June and the month of July.

Report from the Policy Board Representative- Kathy Wilke

Rev. Sabrina Trupia has been hired as the Minister of Congregational Life. Focus on Lifespan Religious Education and Membership.

The Board had an update on the tornado repairs: The City removed the trees in front of the church. Looking into sidewalk repairs. We will hire an arborist to remove some of the trees on the parking lot. Tiles on the roof will need to be replaced.

We are applying for Disaster Relief funds from the UUA.

Tom Finan reported to the Board about looking at the future of the building. Betty Neill will share info that was gathered during the Visioning sessions from last year in which the building was mentioned.

The Board is also spending time on governance education.

Stewardship cluster: Kathy Wire

Meet with Facilities to understand what projects are coming and how to fund.

Working on how to communicate expenses related to the building.

Looking at a fundraiser that will be building specific - hopefully in the fall.

Facilities Cluster: Tom Finan

The Cluster had a Saturday retreat to assess the building (mostly outside). Kathy Wire and Margaret Weck also attended.

The slate roof needs patching, but not total replacement. Will seal the peak of the roof with copper.

Looking at the why of what we do with the church building and future plan we need to think of having a facilities employee

Outreach and Social Action Cluster: Fran Hoffman

Annette Peterson will now chair the Social Justice Committee.

The committee is looking at:

Education – creating an immigration task force; establishing land acknowledgement;

Partnership with the Community - continue to support Tabernacle CDC; looking at potentially hosting a Freedom Summer School at the church; in contact with CWE Homeless Outreach initiative; working with the Respect MO Voters

Coordinates participation in various marches

The Social Justice group has a Facebook page as a way to send notices about current activities.

Looking at the issue of communications.

Partner Church: Robert Kokenyesi was present at Rev. Noemi Tamási's ordination. He presented her with a stole from us.

Designated Collection nominations are now open. Rosemary Lawton is coordinating. FCCF will send out RFPs mid-summer.

Programming Cluster: Grace Munie

RE is excited that Rev. Sabrina is starting in mid-July.

RE volunteers are meeting June 30th. There will be RE on 3 Sundays in the summer

The Worship Committee will use Soul Matters again for the next church year. Will be having a retreat on Aug. 23rd.

It was expressed that the Worship Cmte deserves kudos for all their work in the last year.

Cathy Rauch is trying to get the Clark Lecture Committee reconstituted. Rev. Sabrina will probably work with this group. The Worship Committee is also interested in this.

Engagement and Outreach Cluster: Erin Milligan

Membership - the committee has grown. They presented the recent Fellowship Dinner.

Young Adults - Luke Steffen will coordinate. Hopes to get it started in the summer. They have ideas for Adult RE on various religions.

Women's Alliance - Mindy Allen is the new president. Have monthly activities in the summer. There have been some discussions about restarting Feast and Festivals.

Retreat date for Council and Board- Aug 16, 2025 at church

Adjournment