

First Unitarian Church Council Meeting

October 27, 2015

In Attendance: Cathy Rauch, Grace Munie, Tom Finan, Fran Hoffmann, Erin Mulligan, Kathy Wilke, Sabrina Trupia Absent: Kathy Wire

Report from the Board Representative: Kathy Wilke

Board and Council Members Attended Session 1 of Transgender Inclusion Workshop this month prior to board business meeting. Prepare for Session 2 before next meeting.
Board accepted Personnel Committee Recommendation to make Juneteenth a paid staff holiday.

Reports from Cluster Chair:

Outreach and Social Action Cluster: Fran Hoffman

\$9500 will be distributed to 14 selected non for profit organizations (To be announced shortly)

November 16 will be Transylvania Service (Partner Church Sunday)

Social Justice Series (3 sessions) coordinated by Kevin Kellogg

St. Louis Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum Tour

Meeting with Welcome Neighbor

Nov. 6 Topic To be determined

Food Drive Successful. Supplies have been delivered to Trinity Food Ministries, The Free Little Panty and St. Louis Area food bank. With SNAP funding not renewed and needs rising it is felt congregational donations should be encouraged through newsletter through at least end of year.

Human Rights Social Witnessing Resumed; New Time Tuesday 4-5PM.

Freedom School Summer 2026 First Unitarian is committed to be a site

No Kings Rally attended by UU group on wet Saturday.

January 10 Social Justice Retreat

Acknowledgement of the native people who were here before us

Remember the Removal: Walk, Ride and Bike along original Trail of Tears Route Steelville, MO December 6 (please consider joining group attending; watch newsletter)

Draft statement proposed by Social Justice Committee presented; will be discussed in detail at next meeting. Target is to Broadcast statement to congregation for discussion/thought prior to midwinter meeting in January.

Programming Cluster: Grace Munie

Worship Committee Highlights

Worship Committee and Rev Kim Planning Summer Worship Workshop that will work with people/groups interested in offering a summer service.

December 28 Café Church

January 11 Jazz Sunday

Religious Education Committee Highlights

RE Classroom Highlights: Support Dog, UNICEF, Legos, Values Equity,

Interdependence

Nursery Update (Looking for Nursery Assistant)

OWL (Our Whole Lives) Mandatory Parent Meeting December 14 or January 11.
Zoo Field Trip November 2
Trinity Hot Lunch November 2 (Youth Group and Membership)
Sandwich Making November 16 (Youth Group and Membership)

Growth and Engagement Cluster: Erin Mulligan

Membership: Newcomer chat, Membership Class

Young Adults: Luke Steffans recovering from bike accident

Care and Concerns: Plan to deliver loaves of bread to people who suffered loss and illness in past 6 months; Larry Dusenbery has rejoined committee after loss of Karen Siegreest.

Former Feasts and Festivals (Fruits and Vegetables) lead by Erin/Sue H. will spearhead the Hanging of Greens event Friday, December 5. Trying to investigate alternate system for RSVP/Pay prior to event to decrease cost overrun and waste for catered meal. Erin will work with Lynn to hopefully find a more user friendly system that hopefully does not collect a fee from nonprofits.

Woman's Alliance: Holocaust Museum, chat with Rev Kim, Holiday Potluck, Holiday Traditions

Facilities Cluster: Tom Finan

Generate Wish List for November 15 fundraiser

Landscaping Work Day (small turnout but what done helps)

Completing roof repairs (shingles), Sidewalk repairs. General maintenance issues.

Stewardship Cluster: Kathy Wire (by email)

Fundraising Form; Please signup to help if possible.

Meeting adjourned 7:30PM.

Notes recorded by Grace Munie.