

Church Council Notes for April 25, 2022

Present: Cathy Rauch, Erin Milligan, Sue Herzbert, Steve Smidowicz, Steve Wilke, Lynn Hunt
Absent: Clint Cruse, Lisa Ross

Opening Words – Erin Milligan

Discussion of proposed 8th Principal: *We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote: journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.*

General discussion about the implications of this proposal and what would be initial steps on having our congregation discussing this proposal.

Report from the Administrator- Lynn Hunt

Suggested that we have a Committee Fair in fall 2022.

Report from the Policy Board Rep- Steve Wilke

Talked about what he hopes to focus on as Board President – membership. Work on having people return to the church and be fully engaged. Is hoping for open communication with all congregants.

Report from Cluster Chairs:

Growth and Engagement Cluster-Erin Milligan

Kevin Kellogg is the nominee for this position. Gwen Hickman will be the chair on the Membership Committee. Steve Wilke, Andi Berin and Erin Milligan will organize the Fellowship Dinner. She has done some new member bios.

The Women's Alliance is meeting in person again.

Care and Concern will deliver plants this spring.

Film groups want to start having outdoor meetings.

Programming cluster-Sue Herzberg

There was a DRE start up with Danielle Kozemczak.

The play space was cleaned up for use by RE. Is having pavers engraved for the playspace.

The Clark Lecture with Tony Messenger occurred with a strong presentation. About 100 people attended with a combination of in person and zoom.

ERDE will hold a Beltane celebration on May 1st.

Stewardship Cluster-Steve Smidowicz

Presented the budget as it is at this point.

Pledge income at this time \$385,000

The Endowment draw will be the full 5% which comes to \$48,000

Reviewed the line items in the budget which is basically flat for committees with a few exceptions.

The Council affirmed the budget as presented.

Facilities Cluster-Clint Cruise (sent comments via email)

Roof repairs did not address some water issues we are having. Lynn had multiple drains cleaned out and we are hopeful that addresses the issue. The RE and flat roof next to fellowship hall were inspected by roofing company and recommended for replacement so further to come on that. Watch for Landscaping work day announcements in the newsletter.

Outreach and Social Action Cluster-Lisa Ross (no report)

New business- Sung Award By policy, the Sung Chair must be a current, ongoing chair who has served more than one year in that role. They will have put in time “beyond the call of duty”-working on behalf of the committee within the larger church and demonstrating vision and leadership in the chair role.

Council members should send their recommendations to Cathy Rauch.

Closing Words-Erin Milligan