

Church Council Meeting

June 22nd, 2020

Present: Lisa Cary, Steve Smidowicz, Clint Cruse, Cathy Rauch, Sue Herzberg, Erin Milligan, Rosemary Lawton, Lynn Hunt

Opening Words & Chalice Lighting

The Covenant was read for Opening Words

Who's on this year's Church Council Team?

Cluster Chairs and others introduced themselves what their role is on the Council.

Role of the Council

Cluster Chairs were asked to reach out to their committee's and see who is meeting during this time and to offer support on how to keep meeting during this time of pandemic. Cluster coordinators will share with committee members the info we have on goals, plans, etc. Also to look at ways to keep in contact with committees.

There will be a Board and Council retreat in August.

Reports

Policy Board (Rosemary Lawton)

Designated collections nominations are open -- there were small updates to the policy.

Stewardship (Steve Smidowicz)

We are in the last month of the fiscal year so waiting to see how finances turn out. Will not know if we have a deficit in this current year until July. For next fiscal year, it is anticipated that we will have about a \$17,000 deficit.

Facilities (Clint Cruse)

The cluster continues to meet monthly.

There is a major plumbing issue with a leak in the RE wing and bids are being sought.

Working on COVID safety issues.

Want to schedule work days.

There have been proposals for improving lighting in the sanctuary which would also reduce costs.

The sycamore in front of the church had to be taken down. There is some interest in retaining some of the logs.

Sue Herzberg added that she is looking at the Garden Play Area plans and making plans on how to proceed with the funds that are available. The Play Area group will meet again to look at implementation plans and the best way to move forward.

Programming (Sue Herzberg)

Things have been quiet at this time -- nothing new to report.

Membership (Erin Milligan)

Membership does not have a chair.

Young adult group does not have a facilitator.

Women's Alliance is meeting weekly on zoom.

Knitting ministry is meeting via zoom.

Social Action (Cathy Rauch)

Will be contacting chairs of committees.

Toward Justice is very busy with their ARREST Project curriculum. Also, the silent witnessing that was started by Cathy Rauch and Amanda Kracen. People from the neighborhood are joining in with it. It will also include voter registration and absentee ballots notarization. It will be continued thru the August primary.

Church Calendar

Old Business

New Business

Cathy Rauch will follow up with Donald Jeffries (Social Responsibility Committee) about the Holy Ground Collaboratives request to widen the geographical area of the HGC micro lending program (to which we gave funds to help initiate).