

## **Church Council Meeting - Monday, October 28, 2019**

Present: Charlie Kindleberger, Steve Smidowicz, Rosemary Lawton Johnson, Lisa Cary, Margaret Weck, Kim Mason, Lynn Hunt

Absent: Erin Milligan

### **Call to Order & Chalice Lighting**

### **Opening Words**

### **Reading of the Covenant**

#### **Welcome to new Chairs of the Clusters**

\* Kim Mason, Programming Cluster

Reported that the Fellowship Friday will probably be connected with the Worship Committee

\* Erin Milligan, Growth and Engagement Cluster

\* Lisa Cary, Facility Cluster

Reported that there was a work day on Sunday and that the Safety Committee met to review the Safety Manual. Two trainings have been scheduled for Greeters, Ushers and Teachers. Nov. 14th and Dec. 10th at 6:00pm

\* Rosemary Lawton, Outreach and Social Action Cluster

Has contacted the various committees in her cluster. Partner Church Committee is working on bringing our Partner Church minister to the U.S. FCCF rewards will be made on Sunday, Nov. 3rd. Will schedule a meeting for the various committee's to get together and look at a coordinated focus.

Steve Smidowicz - Stewardship

Is in contact with the various committees. Discussion regarding the need for a Canvass Chair. Brief discussion on the idea of moving towards to a year round canvass.

### **Calendar Review**

#### **Homelessness Outreach** - Charlie Kindleberger and Rosemary Lawton met with member

Dean Burns who works at the St. Patrick Center. More speakers will be researched.

There is an idea of preparing meals and freezing them for use at shelters.

Church wide collection of supplies was discussed and other potential projects. How to support Room at the Inn was discussed. We will make a push for food and toiletries in November (worship theme Abundance) and perhaps an Advent food donation calendar.

**Committee Updates** – The Committee Description & Information form was discussed and edited. It will be sent out to all committees (not coordinators) in cluster groups should that apply.

**Recruiting Outreach** – The recruiting form was discussed and edited. It will be included in an order of service and collected in a basket in the foyer.

**Clarification of Committee and related information on the Church Website.** See above.

**Potential Clark Lecture Speakers** Rosemary Lawton presented a sheet on how the committee functions after discussing it with John Knoll. Will discuss further at the next meeting.

**Fundraising Permission Process**

Updating the fundraising policy language to agree with the by-laws was presented. It was approved as edited. Will be brought to the Board.

**Partner Church Reserve Fund**

Stewardship Cluster made the recommendation to update the Partner Church Fund to allow some of the funds to be used for travel by congregants to Transylvania and to bring members of the Partner Church here. Partner Church committee worked out a detailed scholarship plan. The scholarship plan was approved. This will be brought to the Board. New wording for the fund policy description will be addressed at the next meeting.

Closing words by Kim Mason.