

December 2nd, 2019 Church Council Notes

Present: Charlie Kindleberger, Steve Smidowicz, Rosemary Lawton, Erin Milligan, Margaet Weck (Board), Rev. Kim Mason, Lynn Hunt (staff)

Absent: Lisa Cary

Opening Words

Welcome to Cluster Chairs and Updates:

General discussion on what to ask committees each month. Suggested that we nudge committees to respond to Cluster Coordinator's outreach. It was also suggested to call committee chairs once a month or every other month. It was noted that monthly reports could help committees with their annual report.

Kim Mason reported that most committees in the Programming Cluster are active.

Rosemary Lawton worked with Rev. Barbi Click at Trinity Episcopal on putting together a list of items that they could use for their food pantry (it was also put into an Advent Calendar format by Kim Mason). A group is working on putting together a speaker's series on homelessness. Criteria for the Designated Collection will be reviewed. The theme for the FCCF fundraising dinner is "Celebrating Social Action in St. Louis." Partner Church is having their bake sale this coming Sunday. Toward Justice is sponsoring a discussion of the film 'When they See Us.'

Steve Smidowicz will follow-up with the Young Adult group on fundraising. Steve is searching for a co-chair for the canvass. The Partner Church Reserve Fund changes to include travel has been finalized and approved by the Board. Retirement plans have been put in place for all employees who work a 1,000 hours of more.

Erin Milligan announced that the new Membership Committee will meet on Sunday Dec. 8th.

Calendar Review:

Safety training on Dec. 10th. Church office will be closed the week between Christmas and New Years.

Volunteer Recruiting Outreach:

One person volunteered from the printed outreach form. A list of people were reviewed as potential members of the canvass team and the Clark Lecture. Steve will reach out to people for

a canvass. Council members should send names for Clark Lecture, Feast and Festivals and Membership to Charlie and/or Kim.

Committees and Cluster Assignments:

It was recognized that the Programming Cluster Chair is set by the by-laws and that there needs to be a by-law change in order to make this an elected position rather than the minister. It was suggested that the new Committee on Ministry look at this and suggest a change.

General discussion on the difference between committee's, coordinator of projects (or work group) and ministry/affinity groups. Cluster Coordinators will ask their groups which title fits their group best. Ministry/Affinity groups should have a mission statement so that it is clear that their reason for existing furthers the mission of the church.

Margaret Weck will work on a draft of the descriptions of the 3 categories.

Closing Words