

Church Council Notes -- Jan. 27, 2020

Present: Charlie Kindleberger, Steve Smidowicz, Erin Milligan, Lisa Cary, Rosemary Lawton Margaret Weck, Rev. Kim Mason, Lynn Hunt

General Discussion

Mid-Winter Meeting

Was more social than past meetings.

It served to connect with the Charge to the Congregation about getting to know one another better and our history.

By-Law changes were mentioned that will be prepared and presented at the Annual Meeting. Policy Board will draft these changes.

Cluster Update

Facilities - Lisa Cary

Planning to have the parking lot repaved in the spring. Will be looking at refinishing the Chapel floor. There are also some flooring repairs needed around the Sanctuary.

Membership - Erin Milligan

Is heading up the new Membership Committee. No updates from the other groups. Will contact groups to share info with her. Inquired about a template to use to contact groups.

Membership:

New Comer Chats are happening each month. 7 people attended the last one.

Want to bring back new member dinners.

Want to bring back new member bios.

Phone calls to new members.

Would like to create a picture directory.

There will be a visitor greeter each Sunday (scheduled to stay till about 10 minutes after the hour)

Goals -- bring back circle suppers. Lisa Cary offered a resource on organizing. Want to offer a Covenant Group sample experience.

Picture directory was discussed. Different ideas were shared and also the possibility of new data base that would have pictures.

Outreach & Social Action - Rosemary Lawton

First Church Community Fund dinner was just held and was successful.

It was suggested that part of the presentation on different non-profits be used in the e-news. Margaret Weck will share the info with Lynn Hunt.

Social Responsibility Committee met and discussed the criteria for the Designated Collections.

Want three dates for a speakers series: Health, hunger and housing. Lynn will follow-up. Food has been taken to from the Trinity Food Collection. It is being stored out-of-sight for now.

Partner church minister will be visiting St. Louis at the end of August.

Programming - Rev. Kim Mason

Melanie Fathman did a lot of work with the archives for the Mid-Winter Meeting.

Worship Committee is meeting regularly.

Kim Mason is in discussion with Sue Ashwell about coordinating with a person to help lead the Programming Cluster.

Stewardship - Steve Smidowicz

General Fund should have more funds in it (though we are in a good financial position)

Working on Canvass for this March. Canvass will run March 1 - 22.

Steve will put together a presentation on UUA changes from Fair Share to a Honor Congregation. The formula for figuring a congregations contribution has changed and it is now a greater contribution to be an Honor Congregation.

Old Business

Discussion of who could potentially be on various Committees.

Goals for Committees -- template has been created. Finding current information to plug in so groups do not need to re-submit is proving difficult. Margaret Weck is working on this project. It may be necessary to ask committee's to re-submit information that they may have reported in prior years.

Right Relations Workshop with Lisa Presley -- Council Members and Board are encouraged to attend.

Safety -- The Policy Board passed a policy that the church is a gun free zone. Signs will be placed up indicating this.

Staff retirement plan has been implemented.

Notes taken by Lynn Hunt.