

Church Council Notes for April 24, 2023 6:30-8pm

Present: Cathy Rauch, Lisa Ross, Sue Herzberg, Kathy Wire, Erin Milligan, Lynn Hunt

Absent: Clint Cruse, Kevin Kellogg

Opening words: Kathy Wire

New Business-

Council Members are asked to provide an appetizer for the Fellowship Dinner.

The Council discussed the Sung Chair award. Nominations should be sent to Cathy Rauch.

Reports:

Report from the Administrator: Lynn Hunt

Canvass is over and did very well – \$400,000.

Annual reports are due and the annual meeting is May 21st.

The Membership Committee is working on the Fellowship Dinner.

Report from the Policy Board Rep: Erin Milligan

Nominating gave a report and the slate is nearly complete. The Board will be one person smaller in the coming year. The Board discussed the roof situation and agreed to ask the congregation for \$150,000 in order to cover additional projects.

The Board will be letting the congregation know when Board meetings are so people can attend if they like.

Growth and Engagement Cluster: Kevin Kellogg (no report)

Programming Cluster: Sue Herzberg

RE is doing well. Had the Trivia Night which went well.

Worship and Erde still need to submit Annual Reports.

ERDE is doing Beltane in the next week and is more active now (after Covid).

Stewardship Cluster: Kathy Wire

Thanked Emily Jaycox and Sarah Francois for running a great canvass.

The budget is very similar to the current budget. Does not include an auction.

Kathy reviewed the budget with the Council.

Increased 'Other Contributions' feeling that this line may go up.

Planning to use the full 5% from the Endowment which is the maximum that can be used.

Had been planning to draw a lesser amount from the General Fund but increased it to the same amount as the current year to balance the budget.

Only change in personnel is to increase Moe Hurst hours to accommodate extra hours that he is asked to work in A/V.

Most expense line items remain the same.

Leadership Development was decreased since the funds have not been used.

Slight increase in Building Maintenance and Building Reserve Fund.

Decreased Guest Musicians as we have been using congregant musicians.

Raised Membership and Hospitality a bit.

Welcoming Congregation is active again so they have been budgeted a small amount.

Fair Trade and Sandwich Making have no budget. Sandwich Making has a reserve fund.

UUA support raised by \$1,000 (still not Fair Share)

General discussion about the budget and future plans.

Facilities cluster: Clint Cruse

Submitted this report via email: The congregational vote to take monies from the endowment to proceed with multiple facility projects was a unanimous Yes vote. Yay! The RE roof replacement will move forward immediately. The committee will continue to solicit more bids as necessary for the other projects (West roof, library wall, gutters, Hosmer room, other water damage, grease trap and cosmetic work), until we judge we have enough information to make recommendations to Council and Policy Board to move projects forward.

Landscaping started up monthly work days in March. They intend to focus on the Memorial Garden in particular this year.

Outreach and Social Action cluster: Lisa Ross

Partner Church has a meeting coming up.

Toward Justice is supporting a panel discussion about the MO abortion ban and infringement on religious freedom. It is not going to be streamed but will be recorded.

ARREST 3 has started and is going well.

Holy Ground canvassing project is still in the planning phase.

There is also planning to potentially screen a film about Pruitt-Igoe and toxic waste disposal that occurred.

FCCF has a bake sale and raffle coming up this week.

Old business:

Closing Words: Kathy Wire