

Program Council Notes for 6/26 6:30-8pm

Present: Kevin Kellogg, Sherry Bassi, Grace Munie, Lisa Ross, Tom Finan, Kathy Wire, Steve Wilke, Lynn Hunt

There will not be a meeting in July. The next meeting will be at the retreat on August 26th. Lisa Ross will do opening and closing readings in September.

Opening words: Sherry Bassi

New Business:

Reverend Kim request for funding for Leadership STL, Fall Social Action Summit from the Dodson Fund

The request is for \$5,000 from the Dodson Fund Reserve for this Leadership program specific to the St. Louis area. Council member Tom Finan was one of the people who nominated her for this program. **The Council agreed by consensus to approve these funds.**

It was also mentioned that the Women's Alliance scholarship can be applied for by staff.

Active Hope Project – It is hoped that there will be a Social Action Summit in the fall as a follow-up to the listening circles of last year. Lisa Ross added that the whole congregation would be asked to be involved in the summit. It is envisioned to have a topic focus after this summit and then figure out the process for implementation after that. Lisa suggested that she meet with Rev. Kim Mason, Steve Wilke and Sherri Bassi to work on a plan.

Report from the Administrator: Lynn Hunt

Fiscal year ends on June 30th. The new budget will be posted so committees are aware of the fund allocation.

The Designated Collection nomination deadline is July 16th.

Report from the Policy Board Rep: Steve Wilke

The retreat for the Board and Council is August 26th. Site to be determined.

The Board spent time discussing the Active Hope project and is supportive of this moving forward.

Growth and Engagement Cluster: Kevin Kellogg

Young Adult group will be doing a summer service on video games. Some members are trying to take a reproductive justice training.

Would like to see more newcomer chats hosted by the Membership Committee.

It was also suggested that we should re-address reaching out to people in Coffee Hour and more greeter training.

Programming Cluster: Grace Munie

Rebecca O'Laughlin and Caitlin Hill are the new chairs of the RE Committee.

The Worship Committee is busy with planning summer services. The Lunter's will be leaving the committee at the end of the summer.

ERDE just prepared and presented the summer solstice service.

Margaret Weck has offered to reorganize the used bookstore. General discussion about the focus of the bookstore and the sustainability of this project. Sherry Bassi and Grace Munie will follow up with Margaret Weck.

Stewardship Cluster: Kathy Wire

Formulating plans for a mini-auction featuring things like the popular events (dinners, etc)
Finance is discussing a donation that was made for a specific purpose which is discouraged by our policies. More follow-up on this.

Facilities cluster: Tom Finan

RE roof has been replaced. The air conditioning dis and re-connect was much more expensive than anticipated – the work was necessary and funding was devised.

The slate roof over the Hosmer room needs to be repaired and bids are being collected.

Has spoken with consultants about the various water management issues. Have obtained maps from MSD of our sewer system.

The committee created a covenant/agreement that includes that once the committee makes a decision all the members will speak in unison. This was agreed to by all members.

Outreach and Social Action cluster: Lisa Ross

Social Responsibility is receiving nominations for the designated collections.

First Church Community Fund is sending out RFPs for their micro grants.

The Trinity Hot Lunch is on July 23rd and volunteers are needed.

Welcoming Congregations will be a part of Tower Grove Pride with other UU Churches.

Toward Justice is still hoping to canvas our neighborhood. Also collecting signatures to raise the minimum wage to \$15. \$200 from the air quality project was donated to Facilities.

There will be another ARREST program in January on gender equity. Will be discussing an immigrant settlement program.

Old business:

Closing Words: Sherry Bassi

Adjournment