

## **Church Council Notes for March 27, 2023 6:30-8pm**

**Present:** Cathy Rauch, Clint Cruse, Lisa Ross, Cathy Wire, Kevin Kellogg, Erin Milligan, Danielle Kozemczak

**Absent:** Sue Herzberg

**Opening words:** Susan Herzberg

**Danielle Kozemczak:** Brought up people trying to use the website to connect with various groups having a hard time (finding correct and up-to-date information). Cluster chairs will help with gathering information. Also wants to make a brochure on the various church groups. It was suggested to print a copy of the calendar to hand to newcomers.

**Report from the Administrator:** Lynn Hunt

Canvass is coming to a close; Annual reports are due April 23, 2023; special congregational meeting on April 23rd after the church service.

**Report from the Policy Board Rep:** Erin Milligan

Most of the last Board Meeting was spent discussing the RE roof project. They approved the Barch Roofing bid. It was also decided to seek congregation approval for funding from the endowment. Deferred discussion of a capital campaign.

The Ross and Fathman committees were formed.

Some Board members are making calls for the Active Hope Project.

Participated in training on Adaptive and Technical decision making.

Committees that meet on Sundays are encouraged to meet at 9:00am

**New Business-**

**Programming Cluster:** Sue Herzberg - no report

**Stewardship Cluster:** Kathy Wire

Working on final details of the Auction. Expects to net around 20,000. Presented the finance options for the roof project at a congregational meeting. Felt it was well received. Budget is coming up.

**Facilities cluster:** Clint Cruse

At the congregational meeting in April there will be an ask to allocate funds from the endowment for various building projects including the RE roof, west roof, Hosmer room roof. and library wall (and potentially others). Advocated for having a strategy for increasing the Building Reserve Fund for future major projects.

There will be a gardening day on April 1st.

**Outreach and Social Action cluster:** Lisa Ross

Welcoming Congregations is now functioning but has no chair. Hoping to have a booth at the Tower Grove Pride event.

Toward Justice met with the executive director of Employed which supports under and unemployed people. The BLM social witnessing has resumed. Exploring a way to create a statewide UU connection to support reducing medical debt.

ARREST 3 will start in April (4 weeks).

*Mistakes and Miracles* book discussion is wrapping up – about 6 people participated.

Holy Ground is trying to get revitalized and wants to expand the micro-lending program into other zip codes. Members of Toward Justice are working with other Holy Ground congregations to develop a program to canvass our neighborhoods in order to identify issues of concern to the community and ways we can work together to address those issues.

A group is going to Jefferson City to protest the anti-trans bills that are being introduced into the state legislature.

**Growth and Engagement Cluster:** Kevin Kellogg

Two young adults signed up for the Reproductive Justice classes.

Newcomer chats are ongoing. Might look at increasing them with just members of membership. Membership will assume responsibility for leading new member classes in the fall.

**Old business:**

**Closing Words:** Susan Herzberg