

Church Council Notes for 11/27/2023

Present: Sherry Bassi, Lisa Ross, Kathy Wire, Tom Finan, Grace Munie, Alison Lamothe, Lynn Hunt (staff)

Absent: Kevin Kellogg

Opening words: Kathy Wire

New Business: Committee communication

Sherry Bassi shared resources on Peace Building that she had gathered when the Peace Building Team existed.. They can be used by committees if there are conflicts on committees and those issues can also be brought to the Church Council as well. Kathy Wire also endorsed the resources.

Old Business : Committee consolidation (deferred to discussion during committee reports)

Reports from the Administrator and Policy Board Rep:

Report from the Administrator: Lynn Hunt

Hanging of the Greens is not going to be a program this year. Attendance has been dwindling and last year there was a lot of staff coordinating but, again, low attendance.

Report from the Policy Board Rep: Allison Lamothe

Personnel Policy was updated to give permanent part-time employees vacation time. Forming a committee to look at how we make public statements has been postponed. George Grimm-Howell will be co-ordained by our congregation and the Columbia congregation (where he has done his internship).

Reports from Cluster Chairs:

Stewardship Cluster: Kathy Wire

Discussed cluster organization. There should be a Fundraising Committee that oversees all fundraising efforts: committees, canvas, auction, etc.

Outreach and Social Action Cluster: Lisa Ross

Discussion on the distinction between Social Responsibility Committee and Toward Justice. Also what is the relationship between SRC and other tasks, i.e. Litter Clean-up. It was also pointed out that First Church Community Fund has non-church members (family of Renni Shuter who created the fund) so it would be difficult to merge them with another committee. Lisa Ross will explore further.

Growth and Engagement Cluster: Kevin Kellogg (no report)

Programming Cluster: Grace Munie

Discussion as to what belongs under Worship and Adult RE. It was decided that Archives and Denominational Affairs should be moved to Policy Board oversight (Archives is an institutional responsibility and the Board approves delegates to the UUA General Assembly).

Facilities cluster: Tom Finan

General discussion of what functions are a part of the Facilities committee and what are stand alone functions. Also noted that bids have been gathered for most of the major projects and the committee needs to set a policy as to when 3 bids are required.

Revised Committee Chart reflecting the discussion is attached.

Closing Words: Sherry Bassi

Adjournment

Cluster name & chair	Committees & task forces	Committee chair/Coordinator		
	Name	Chair/Coordinator/contact	Members of Cmte	Committee/Affinity Group/Task
Finance/Stewardship Cluster				
Kathy Wire	Finance Committee	Kathy Wire	Sue Ashwell, Jama Dodson, Kathy Wire, Jeremy Colton, Mitch Herzog, Stan Birge	committee
	Insurance	Kathy Wire (coordinator)		task
	Fundraising			
	Canvass Committee	Sarah Francois & Erin Milligan		committee/annual
	Chalice Lighters	coordinator/needs to be filled		task
	Auction	as needed		
Facilities Cluster				

			John Cuntz, Clint Cruse, Hunter Hart, Jane Hoelkelman, Luke Steffan, Mike Bray, Stan Birge	
Tom Finan	Facilities Committee	Tom Finan		committee
	Art Gallery			task
	Aesthetics	Cluster makes decisions		task
	Landscaping	Karen Siegrist and Lisa Cary		committee
	Safety	Luke Steffan & Alison Beeher/coordinators		task
Growth and Engagement Cluster				
Kevin Kellogg	Membership Committee	Gwenne Hickman	Peggy Feinberg, Erin Milligan, Tom Finan, Catherine Hunter, Emily Colton, Kevin Kellogg	committee
	Care & Concern	Judi Crouch, Larry Dusenbery & Karen Siegrist	many people on list to help	committee
	Feast & Festivals	(Not functioning)		
	Makers Ministry	Sherry Bassi (contact)		affinity group
	Women's Alliance	Carole Watson (president)		affinity group
	Young Adults	Sam Rezansoff/coordinator		affinity group
	Hospitality			task
Programming Cluster				
Grace Munie	Archives	Melanie Fathman		move to board

	Adult RE	Staff		
	Clark Lecture	no committee		
	Covenant Groups	No chair (work with Lynn Hunt & Kim Mason)	Tom Crouch, Peggy Feinberg, Karen Siegrist, Erin Milligan, Jan Herzog, Sam Rezansoff - facilitators	
	Denominational Affairs	(Not functioning)		move to Board?
	John Learned Library	Terry Yokota	Dottie Kinscherf, Dori Miller, Joel Minor, Sarah Dashner	committee
	John Learned Bookstore	Margaret Weck (coordinator)		task
	Lewis Ministerial Intern	needs to be updated		committee
	Religious Education/Children & Youth	Rebecca O'Laughlin, Caitlin Hill		committee
	Worship	Pamela Geppert	Mike & Adam Lunter, Dwight Homer (music rep), Tom Finan	committee
	Music	Staff		?
	Flowers	Dorothy Kinscherf (coordinator)		task
	Ushers	(Coordinator position is open)		task
	ERDE	Sue Herzberg	Lisa Ross, Susan Morse, Jan Herzog (others as well)	affinity group
Outreach & Social				

Action Cluster				
Lisa Ross	Social Responsibility Committee	Rosemary Lawton	Rosemary Lawton, Dean Burns, Kay Dusenbery, Kimberly Perry	committee
	UUSC	Kimberly Perry (coordinator)		task
	Holy Ground Collaborative	Tom Craddock - representative		Community organization
	Sandwich Making	Sam Hunt - coordinator (on hold)		task
	Litter Clean Up	Tom & Judi Crouch - coordinators		task
	First Church Community Fund	Rosemary Lawton	Donald Jeffries, Kay Dusenbery, Peggy Feinberg, Laura Zacher	committee
	Partner Church	Kimberly Perry	Judi & Tom Crouch, Claire & Stan Birge, Mike Nolan, Gwenne & Joel Hickman, Laura Zacher, Carole Watson, Peggy Feinberg, Nadine Vlietstra, Erin Millign, John Zacher	committee
	Toward Justice	Susan Lammert	Cathy Rauch, Lisa Ross, Karen Siegrist, Kevin Kellogg, Margaret Weck (others)	committee
	Welcoming Congregation	Jess Green (?) - contact		affinity group/committee
Board Committees				

Personnel		Jama Dodson	Betsy Grimm-Howell, Larry Dusenberry	committee
Nominations & Leadership Develop		Group meets as a whole	Margaret Weck	Sidney Watson-Bd. Liaison
Committee on Ministry		Sherry Bassi (?)	Joel Minor, Joan Kindleberger, Jane Hoelkelman	committee Susan Lammert - Bd. Liaison