

Church Council Notes for 09/25/2023

Present: Kevin Kellogg, Lisa Ross, Grace Munie, Kathy Wire, Sherry Bassi, Alison Lamothe, Lynn Hunt (staff), Margaret Weck (guest.)

Absent: Tom Finan

Opening words: Lisa Ross

New Business:

Reports and Recommendations about Book Shop (Margaret Weck)

A tentative task force form (attached) was put together for this re-energizing of the used book store. Prices for the books will be raised so that enough funds are available to support a local literacy charity. Margaret Weck is still sorting and organizing the books that are currently in the bookstore. There was no water damage to the books. The goal is to have it open once a month. At this time she is not looking for additional book donations. Needs to finalize internal policies for what will be accepted. Council endorsed moving forward with this project.

Church Council Role in preparing for UUA Article II Amendment.

Tabled to the next meeting.

Reports from the Administrator and Policy Board Rep:

Report from the Administrator: Lynn Hunt

Out of date committee descriptions were removed from the website. Cluster chairs were encouraged to review the website and make suggestions as to committees which need a page on the website.

Short discussion on ushers. People are encouraged to ask others to usher. The goal is to have two ushers per week.

Report from the Policy Board Rep: Allison Lamothe

The Board discussed ways to support the Outreach summit.

UUA General Assembly will be completely virtual this coming June.

Reports from Cluster Chairs:

Outreach and Social Action cluster: Lisa Ross

Designated collections were set for the year by the Social Responsibility Committee.

Is exploring whether her cluster needs reorganization. Some model may emerge from the upcoming Summit.

Growth and Engagement Cluster: Kevin Kellogg

Reported that he is meeting with groups like the Women's Alliance and Young Adult Group about a Gender Issues class for the spring.

Will be looking at the structure of the cluster.

Programming Cluster: Grace Munie

Looking at 3 areas for the cluster: Education (RE, Life Span Faith Development, Library, Bookshop); Worship (Worship, Music, ERDE, Flowers, Intern Committee, Archives); Fellowship (Covenant Groups)

Stewardship Cluster: Kathy Wire

Finance approved several fundraising initiatives, including a targeted campaign by Rev. Mason to expand staff for social media (specifically TickTock).

Needs to review the functions of the Cluster. Currently includes the pledge campaign, budget preparation, and reviewing financial reports & investments.

Facilities cluster: Tom Finan - no report

Old business: Updates on Community Outreach and Engagement

Closing Words: Sherry Bassi