

Program Council February 28, 2022

Opening words: Cathy Rauch

Check-in 6:35-6:55pm

Discussion of 7th Principle-Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

General discussion of the Principle and how it relates to our clusters.

Report from the Administrator- Lynn Hunt

Is now working part-time hours (Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays). Working on Canvass.

Report from Policy Board Rep- Steve Wilke

The Nominating Committee is looking for a slate and is having problems with some positions. If people have suggestions they should send them to Larry Dusenberry or Jama Dodson. The Board will not be approving the slate - the Nominating Committee will present directly to the congregation.

Annual Meeting is May 15th.

The Board is wanting information about what Social Justice issues are of major interest to the congregation. The Social Responsibility and Outreach cluster was asked to address this with the congregation.

Report From cluster Chairs-

Stewardship Cluster-Steve Smidowicz

Canvass is starting. Emily Jaycox and Kathy Wire are co-chairs. \$400,00 is the goal. Finance Committee is in need of a new chair. We are running approximately a \$13,000 deficit.

Facilities Cluster-Clint Cruse

Addressing the new leaks – a leak detector is coming this week. Maplewood Plumbing has been contacted. It is anticipated that this will be costly.

Also looking at the leak in the roof over the Hosmer Room.

We will be doing air monitoring with Metropolitan Congregations United.

Outreach and Social Action Cluster-Lisa Ross

Social Responsibility will have a speaker in March from Dream Builders for Equity.

Partner Church is hoping to have an in person event in the spring.

Toward Justice – Is discussing the idea of musical reparations (royalties are paid to a chosen entity when traditional music from marginalized communities is used by the congregation). It was suggested to put in a designated collection nomination for this project. Also general discussion about education around this topic.

Membership in Metropolitan Congregations United was discussed – where can/does come from and who decides what organizations the church belongs to. Steve Wilke will discuss with the Board.

Growth and Engagement cluster-Erin Milligan

Membership Committee members are attending Newcomer Chats and reaching out to newcomers.

Alliance is still meeting on zoom and organizing the Op Shop.

Care & Concern sent Valentines to around 40 members.

Movie Groups are recruiting new members.

Programming Cluster-Sue Herzberg

In person RE is meeting in the building. Some new families have started. Youth Sunday is coming up in March. The Coming of Age kids are meeting with mentors. Danielle K. is getting started as the new DRE.

Unfish Fry will be on April 1st. Still deciding if there will be indoor dining.

ERDE is looking at doing something for Spring Equinox.

New business

Cathy Rauch reported on the Clark Lecture. Lecturer will be Tony Messenger from the Post-Dispatch. April 10th at 7:00pm.

It was noted that a Clark Lecture Committee needs to be established (Exec Cmte is handling this year).

Some discussion about the website and where committee descriptions are and repeated.

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Adjournment