

Notes - Program Council October 25,2021

Present: Cathy Rauch, Steve Smidowicz, Clint Cruse, Erin Milligan, Sue HerzbergSteve Wilke, Lynn Hunt, Rev. Kim Mason.

Absent: Lisa Ross

Opening words - Steve Smidowicz offered opening words.

Check-in

Discussion of Fourth Principle –A free and responsible search for truth and meaning; General discussion about this Principle and how it guides our work and faith. It was suggested that ‘responsibility’ be added to our opening worship words.

Report from the Minister: Rev. Kim Mason

With the decline in COVID numbers we are getting ready to reopen the church building in the fall.

Live stream technology is still being troubleshooted on Sunday mornings. Progress is being made. Planning to move away from zoom and go with YouTube only for the service with coffee hour on zoom.

Report from Policy Board Rep -Steve Wilke

The Gun Free Zone policy was looked at in lieu of our hiring a security company where guards will be armed after dark. It was decided that the policy does not have to change because of this.

The COVID questionnaire was discussed by the Board. Most people want people to have to show vaccination status cards in order to attend worship. The sense of the results was that people are very ready to return to in-person worship.

Reports from Cluster Chairs-

Stewardship cluster: Steve Smidowicz

We need reports from the accountant for a more accurate report at this time. From what can be seen our financial position is fine.

With our investments we seek a balance of 70% equities and 30% fixed income. The finance committee rebalances to this ratio when necessary.

Facilities Cluster: Clint Cruse

The preschool room is still needing to be repaired.

The display Sanctuary TV will be installed shortly.

New Fellowship Hall furniture should be delivered at the end of November or beginning of December.

A friend of Lori Calcaterra is donating to the church a bench for the Memorial Garden in memory of Roy Taylor.

Outreach and Social Action Cluster: Lisa Ross -- no report

Rev. Kim announced that ARREST 2 has been announced and people are signing up. It will focus on the St. Louis region.

Growth and Engagement Cluster: Erin Milligan

Members of the Alliance are planning to clean out and organize the Op Shop.

Membership Committee is participating in Newcomer chats. A committee meeting needs to be scheduled.

Erin will check in with Circle Supper groups to see if they met and are planning to meet again.

Programming Cluster: Sue Herzberg

ERDE will have an in-person gathering on Nov. 3rd to honor ancestors. Will include a recognition of the crabapple trees that were recently removed.

Outdoor RE has been going well. This Sunday (Oct. 31) will be Claire Weichselbaums last Sunday and Andi Berin will be the interim through December. Applications are being accepted for the permanent position.

An outdoor welcome coffee was offered for new RE families on Oct. 24th.

Play area -- work has resumed. Hoping to pour the walkway shortly.

Continuing business: “Welcoming” implementation

New business

Closing Words- Steve Smidowicz offered closing words.

Adjournment