**Church Council Notes for 10/23/23**

**Present:** Sherry Bassi, Grace Munie, Kathy Wire, Tom Finan, Alison Lamothe, Lynn Hunt

**Absent:** Lisa Ross, Kevin Kellogg

**Opening words**

**New Business:** Program Council Role in preparing for UUA Article II Amendment.

Council members are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the potential change in order to be familiar with it if it should come up. To be mindful of whether the model is useful to us as a congregation. It was brought up that the language speaks of accountability often which may be useful to church leadership.

It was expressed that it would be a good goal to be more involved in denominational issues in the future.

**Reports from the Administrator and Policy Board Rep:**

**Report from the Administrator:** Lynn Hunt

Pledge statements will be sent out in November.

Personnel is working on a consistent vacation policy for permanent part-time staff.

**Report from the Policy Board Rep:** Allison Lamothe

The Board supported Kevin Kellogg’s request to put up a sign in the church window supporting the United Auto Workers strike.

The Board will create a sub-committee to devise a policy for future requests of this nature.

The Board had a car at the recent Trunk or Treat.

The Board discussed the UUA Article II Amendment.

**Reports from Cluster Chairs:**

**Facilities cluster:** Tom Finan

The sewer lateral is being scoped and cleaned in order to understand issues relating to water damaging the library wall.

West flat roof (by the parking lot) is going to be replaced. Will likely use a company named Innovate.

Exploring gutter replacement in conjunction with the roofing issues as well.

Also need to replace a roof over the Dodson Room bathroom.

Looking at ways to repair the sign in front of the building.

The fencing around the Memorial Garden and play area (installed when the Chapel was built) is going to be repainted. It has not been painted properly in the past.

The group created a covenant.

**Growth and Engagement Cluster:** Kevin Kellogg - no report

**Programming Cluster:** Grace Munie

Finishing up the used book shop has been delayed because of Covid. The hope is to have it ready in January. Some youth group members will help.

Mentors are needed for the Coming of Age group. Another Youth Group advisor is also needed.

There will be a UUA book sale for the Boston Trip Group. Boston Trip Group has initiated Fair Trade Coffee, etc., sales.

**Stewardship Cluster:** Kathy Wire

Nothing new to report. Will be thinking about funding for various building projects.

**Old business: Consolidation of Cluster Subcommittee ( deferred until Lisa Ross is present )**

Kathy Wire is interested in looking at Denominational Affairs activities and how they are organized.

**Adjournment**