

# Notes for Church Council Sept 27, 2021

**Present:** Cathy Rauch, Erin Milligan, Lisa Ross, Clint Cruise, Steve Smidowica, Margaret Weck, Steve Wilke, Sabrian Trupia, Lynn Hunt

**Absent:** Sue Herzberg, Rev. Mason

## Opening Words-Clint Cruise

**Margaret Weck-** from Nomination and Leadership

The group is working on leadership development and wants to know if there are specific requests for types of leadership programming. Is considering the Difficult Conversations with Toward Justice as a leadership development program.

Working hard on finding someone for the treasurer position. If anyone has any suggestions for this position please forward to the committee.

The Nominating Committee needs a new member -- if anyone has an idea of a person who would be good let the Committee know.

**Discussion of Third Principle-**Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations.

General discussion.

## Questions/discussion of Rev. Kim's health leave

People have expressed support and best wishes for Rev. Kim.

## Report from Policy Board Rep- Steve Wilke

MSD grant research was approved by the Board. Unfortunately the grant period is over and we will need to wait till the next cycle.

The Board also supported the removal of the crabapple trees. Lisa Ross will follow up with Sue Herzberg about ERDE doing something about their removal.

## Reports from Cluster Chairs:

### Facilities Cluster-Clint Cruise

Chapel painting was spruced up and the floor was refinished.

Looking at roofing repairs for the Hosmer Room which has been an ongoing issue.

The pre-school floor is ready to be repaired.

Playspace monkey bars have been installed.

Trees on the parking lot have been trimmed and some need to be removed.

TV display for the Sanctuary needs to be installed.

Funds have been raised to purchase a TV for Fellowship Hall for overflow seating from the Sanctuary.

### Social Responsibility and Outreach: Lisa Ross

Is in the process of convening a meeting of the committee chairs to look for a project for the congregation to work on as a whole.

Toward Justice - speaker on Defund the Police had to cancel at the last minute. Local version of the ARREST program will start in January.

Social Responsibility Committee wants to make a \$500 donation to the Trinity Food Ministry from its reserve fund in the memory of Charlie Kindleberger. This was approved by the Council.

First Church Community Fund has made their award decisions which will total close to \$7,000. Partner Church has been active. Cancelled their fall fundraiser, but are working on a bake sale fundraiser.

**Growth and Engagement cluster:** Erin Milligan

Alliance -- has raised some funds for A/V equipment in Fellowship Hall

Care and Concern -- working well. Is working on updating background checks.

Membership -- has not met recently. Did sponsor Circle Suppers of which several were held.

Some groups will hold another supper. Lisa Ross volunteered to call newcomers.

**Programming cluster:** Sue Herzberg

**Stewardship cluster:** Steve Smidowicz

The Finance Committee decided to rebalance the portfolio at their last meeting.

Live streaming went over budget, but it is felt that the overage will be absorbed by the budget.

Fellowship Hall furniture was ordered at a lesser amount than Facilities first recommended for budgetary reasons.

**Old business-Welcoming ideas - postponed**

**Closing Words-Clint Cruise**

**Adjournment- 8:00pm**