

Church Council Notes for 1/27 6:30-8pm

Present: Sherry Bassi, Grace Munie, Tom Finan, Kathy Wire, Larry Dusenbery, Lynn Hunt

Absent: Erin Milligan

Opening words: Sherry Bassi

New Business: Bassi - Love at the Center Book Club Idea.

Idea is to start a book club based on the new UU values. Various logistics and books were mentioned. The plan as of now is to have it online. Potentially every 6 weeks. Sherry Bassi and Erin Milligan will facilitate.

On -Going Project Updates :

Family/Fellowship HallPlay Space

Everyone who was suggested (Anna Drendel, Karen Siegrist, Sheryll Coulter, Caitlin Hill) was contacted about participating in the project and all agreed. Need to check with Finance that the funds in the old bookstore reserve can be used for updating the space.

Redesigned web page

All the updates that were submitted have been made and few other modifications have been completed. Suggested websites have also been reviewed. Will contact the current webmaster, Daniel Korte, to confirm that he can do the project and obtain a quote for creating a new platform.

Reports from the Administrator and Policy Board Rep:

Report from the Administrator: Lynn Hunt

Due to the severe weather we had to cancel one Sunday Service (it has been rescheduled) and the office had to function on shortened hours.

Contribution statements were sent out.

Canvass co-chairs (Erin Milligan and Emily Jaycox) are meeting regularly with Lynn Hunt.

Canvass kick-off is Sunday, March 2nd and will feature a soup lunch. Board and Council members may be asked to help with the event.

Report from the Policy Board Rep: Larry Dusenbury

Chuck Eby (Board President) reviewed Board activities at the Mid-Winter meeting.

Hope to have potential Vision Statements prepared by the end of February.

The Board approved the updated Personnel Manual. It is on the website in the "File Cabinet."

The worship committee will be down two people as the Lunter's are moving.

Reports from Cluster Chairs:

Programming Cluster: Grace Munie

The Worship Committee has the rest of the program year planned.

Spring semester RE teachers have begun. Plans are being made for RE Sunday. The program is using Soul Matters.

Facilities : Tom Finan

The weather has stalled a few things. Continue to look at the Chapel heat pump and the boiler for the Sanctuary.

Gutter and slate work are on hold due to weather.

An environmental specialist came in to check the library – a report should be in soon. Assessing issues outside the library as well.

Looking for consultants for a building conditions report.

Outreach and Social Action cluster: Lisa Ross

- Makers Ministry scarf bombing was a great success.
- Working on creating a Facebook group for Social Justice
- Annette Peterson and Fran Hoffman are leading an Adult Ed class on Social Class and Justice within UU.
- Tabernacle is going to need people to review scholarship applications. More areas for hands-on volunteer work are being explored with them.
- Children's Defense Fund funds a summer program called Freedom School which is focused on literacy. Looking to see if we could potentially be a site with a sponsor as the budget is around \$50,000. Perhaps the Deaconess Foundation would be a partner (very preliminary). More details to be explored.
- Looking at the possibility of being a warming/cooling for unhoused people in conjunction with the CWE security homeless outreach program.

General discussion about prioritizing programs with use of the building.

- A discussion on investing in a Socially Conscious manner will be held on a Sunday morning.
- Who will be implementing the Designated Collection program needs to be clarified.

Stewardship Cluster: Kathy Wire

Canvass is starting soon.

Will be planning a fundraiser for the spring that will not be a full auction. The exact event is tbd.

Wants to focus on fundraising for the building. Perhaps target giving to specific projects.

Due to the insurance increase we are looking at a \$9,000 to \$13,000 deficit. Looking at other options to reduce the amount of the insurance coverage.

Growth and Engagement Cluster: Erin Milligan (absent - sent report via email)

Closing Words: Sherry Bassi

Adjournment: 8 pm