

Church Council Notes for 11/25/2024

Present: Sherry Bassi, Larry Dusenbery, Kathy Wire, Tom Finan, Grace Munie, Lisa Ross

Absent: Erin Milligan

Opening words

New Business: Makers Ministry MLK Day Project.

Is wanting to make scarves which would be put on the fence on MLK day as a way to distribute them. Collection day will be January 19th.

Old Business: Storage Issues - (see below)

Project Hope – Tabernacle CDC Involvement (see below)

Reports from the Administrator and Policy Board Rep:

Report from the Administrator: Lynn Hunt

Nearly finished with the updates to the website.

Will be doing a Giving Tuesday push this year.

Pledge statements will go out at the beginning of December.

Report from the Policy Board Rep: Larry Dusenbury

Board completed the second visioning session. Everyone on the Council is encouraged to attend and participate.

Mid-Winter Meeting is set for Feb. 1st and Michele Grove (Interim DRE) will help facilitate the vision session.

Board asked the Facilities Committee to contact 3 companies for a site inspection on the condition of the building.

The Board is requesting that Finance look at a fundraiser in the spring to address the anticipated shortfall. Kathy Wire suggested that it be focused on looking to the future and how to fund long term budget requirements.

There is now a Sabbatical brochure. The committee will be meeting with Rev. Sabrina Trupia to finalize sabbatical minister details.

Reports from Cluster Chairs:

Facilities : Tom Finan

The sewer smell in the A/V room has been eliminated thanks to the efforts of Mike Bray (found a crack in pipe and sealed it).

The library wall needs to be waterproofed and the window wells need to be rebuilt and a root ball in front of the foyer needs to be removed which may require excavation. The committee is planning to remove the books from the library (clean them) and put them in storage until the room can be completed.

Looking at methods to redirect water that comes off of the RE roof.

Compost bin was torn down on the last Garden Day.

Outreach and Social Action cluster: Lisa Ross

There are fewer opportunities for direct service projects with Tabernacle than we were anticipating. Some of their projects are not as developed at this time, so there have been limited projects for us to work on. Social Justice is going to discuss looking at additional nonprofits (perhaps Beyond Housing) to do direct volunteer work. Some of their projects were described.

Stewardship Cluster: Kathy Wire

Will be looking forward to the Canvass and the spring fundraiser.

Growth and Engagement Cluster: Erin Milligan – no report

Programming Cluster: Grace Munie

RE had the cornbread baking potluck. Will have the pageant on Dec. 8th which will have elements of improv for the congregation to be involved.

Margaret Weck is almost done with the cleaning of the bookstore. Goal is to have them done by the end of December.

Anna Drendel, Sheryll Coulter, Karen Siegrist and Caitlin Hill were suggested to make up a task force to re-do the room to a family lounge area. Lynn Hunt will contact the people and liaison with the group.

Adjournment