

## **Church Council Notes for 09/23/2024**

**Opening words:** Sherry Bassi

### **Old Business: Book Store Ideas**

The majority of responses (out of 6) wanted the space used for an interactive meeting space. Lynn Hunt will look for more space in the closet outside the library for storage for Feast and Festival items (one idea was to use the space for storage). Tom Finan mentioned that Facilities is recommending that the books in the library be removed for the time being due to environmental issues.

It was decided to follow-up with storage issues at the next meeting.

3 of the ideas were combined to create a family, play and creativity zone. Books from the Ramp may potentially be removed. Funds can come from the Bookstore Fund.

Sherry Bassi will send an email to everyone who submitted an idea thanking them for their submissions and explaining which idea will be submitted to the Board.

### **New Business : Website Review ( defer to cluster reports)**

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

##### **Report from the Administrator:** Lynn Hunt

Nothing new to report this month.

##### **Report from the Policy Board Rep:** Larry Dusenbury

The Policy Board is planning to pursue the Visioning process that was discussed at the retreat. Rev. Kim will kick it off with a sermon. Rev. Sabrina Trupia may be asked to support this process as well during Rev. Kim's sabbatical.

#### **Reports from Cluster Chairs:**

General Discussion about communications amongst clusters. It is difficult to get people to respond with updates.

##### **Outreach and Social Action Cluster:** Lisa Ross

The new Social Justice group has met once and is getting itself organized. Getting responses from people via email is difficult and is planning to call some chairs. Will send people a cut and paste of what is on the current website for feedback. This could be done with other committees/clusters as well.

Tabernacle is having an open house type of event on October 7th.

##### **Growth and Engagement Cluster:** Erin Milligan

Has a difficult time getting responses from committee chairs.

Movie groups are active and open to new members.

Care and Concern and Alliance worked together for a reception for Alvin Vlietstra memorial.

Care and Concern is active.

Membership Committee members are down for various reasons. Want to get more people involved. Working on New Member Orientation classes and Newcomer chats.

Needs to touch base with Young Adults and see if they have re-started with the new church year.

**Facilities cluster:** Tom Finan

Meeting with a stormwater consultant to assess drain issues. Repairs will be made to the slate roof. Planning to replace the front gutter as well (which will be expensive). West roof and Hosmer are being worked on.

Is working on consultations about the value and potential uses of the church building.

**Programming Cluster:** Grace Munie

Question about the RE Facebook group – who is running it.

RE Chairs and the Interim DRE will review the website.

Has informed the Worship Committee about website revisions.

ERDE missed the Fall Equinox but will plan something for the winter solstice.

**Stewardship Cluster:** Kathy Wire

Finance is meeting this week.

May need additional money in the budget for staffing.

Insurance came in with a 138% increase (property). Working on how to get to a realistic valuation of the building. There are ways to decrease the increase: higher deductible, reduce coverage for items in the building. Essentially we raise our risk the more it comes down. How much risk to assume is being discussed.

Going to another company is not really an option (few companies insure churches) as this is occurring with all companies.

More details in a month.

**Closing Words:** Sherry Bassi