

Church Council Notes for 10/28

New Business:

Introduction Michele Grove : Religious Education consultant

Feels that the congregation has a rich history with RE. Is working to help the congregation discern the future of RE and where we want to go. Goal is by the end of June to have an outline of a dream for the future.

Website Design Brainstorming

Several church websites were mentioned as possible models. Consensus was to have a simpler design that is phone friendly. Lynn Hunt will confer with our existing webmaster.

Makers Ministry MLK Day project – postponed to next meeting.

Old Business:

Remake Bookstore Space

The space is still being cleaned out. Probably take about 8 more weeks. The idea of a family space for the room still needs to be announced to the congregation. Looking for a way to get info from families for the space. Nursery coordinator Anna Drendel is willing to help with the project. It was decided to set-up a task force to explore implementation. Michele Grove will ask the RE Committee for a rep and Tom Finan will ask Facilities for a rep.

Website Content (deferred to cluster reports)

Storage Issues

Will address at the next meeting.

Reports from the Administrator and Policy Board Rep:

Report from the Administrator: Lynn Hunt

Been working on follow-up from the Safety Session.
Working on building insurance issues with Kathy Wire.
Sent out letters for Membership Certification.

Report from the Policy Board Rep: Larry Dusenbury

The Board did approve to use the funds from the old bookstore for the new activity room and the idea of creating this new space.

Kathy Wire did a presentation about the increase in our building insurance. The Board decided to increase the deduction, reduce the value of the inside property, etc.

The Board is making plans for visioning with the congregation. It will also be the focus of the Mid-Winter meeting. The goal is to have it completed in time to be voted on at the Annual Meeting in April.

Info about the sabbatical process will be shared with the congregation shortly.

Reports from Cluster Chairs:**Stewardship Cluster:** Kathy Wire

See insurance info in the Board update.

Growth and Engagement Cluster: Erin Milligan

The Young Adult group submitted info for a new page on the website.

Care and Concern is active. More volunteers needed to find volunteers for driving.

Women's Alliance is active and will have their annual Thanksgiving potluck. They are working on a website update.

New member chats and the new member orientation classes continue.

Programming Cluster: Grace Munie

Library, flowers and ERDE have been updated for the website.

The Worship Committee is working on updating their page on the website.

The new organist started on Sunday (Allen Hoffman).

Michele Grove is reviewing the RE section of the website and is recommending updates.

RE is going well. One of the struggles is not having an onsite Sunday RE coordinator on site.

Facilities : Tom Finan

Has met with an architect, Charles Bell, about a review of safety, the value of the building, the flow of the building, etc.

The slate roof will be repaired and front gutter replaced. Still waiting for metal to finish the west flat roof.

Drains and sewer lateral in the front of the church are being inspected and repair work is being explored.

Necessary foundation repairs outside of the library and repairing the library interior are being explored.

Outreach and Social Action cluster: Lisa Ross

The new Social Justice group is about to have a second meeting. Wants to go back to the committee and explore how to have a central focus.

Partner Church is still working on their website update.

Welcoming Congregations has not responded and does not have a chair. Lisa might attend one of their meetings.

Tabernacle had an event celebrating their 10 year anniversary.

Adjournment: