

October 9, 2023

The Program Council met on Monday, October 9, 2023 at 3PM

Tracy shared a reading with us.

Sue announced that reports were received from the committees, and paper copies of same would be filed. Three committees did not report last month and those were discussed first.

There was discussion about combining Worship and Music committees. The consensus seemed to be that while even if they became one committee, each section would continue to meet separately for the most part, especially since the membership of each committee is almost completely different. It was also mentioned that Music may yet plan summer concerts which would be entirely separate from Worship. No definite decision made, but it seems logical that both groups will continue to meet separately regardless of their title.

Hospitality is still a work in progress! What should this actually include: purchase of beverages and napkins for Sundays, flowers, setting up and cleaning up after Sunday Coffee Hour? A suggestion was made to announce on Sunday mornings that 2-3 people are needed to set up coffee hour table.

Learning for Life: Decision to delete this committee for now. Feeling that what it was set up to do is being done by Social Justice, Worship, and perhaps other groups.

Social Activities is another committee that has been quiet throughout Covid and its aftermath. The idea of a pot luck was put on hold – lots of people do not want to drive after dark, and we were reminded that we should not have food prepared elsewhere and brought in. Perhaps further discussion about an after-church bring your own lunch gathering to at least get us all together. This has been the procedure for other meetings in the Fleck Room in the past. Ideas encouraged!

Also possibly announced at services: who would like to collect the offering, though greeters may want to provide this or at least get volunteers. The Sunday notebook entry will be shortened to amount collected and the count of attendees. No sermon title or weather need be mentioned, though perhaps an indication of a guest speaker could be noted. This is all presently under the purview of Membership and greeters, so they will provide guidelines.

Thoughts on what the Council might expect from a ½ time minister (request of Search Committee) were solicited. The Council will not expect the minister to attend Council meetings, though the chair may request a short meeting with the minister before and/or after a Council

meeting. Minister's attendance at Pastoral Care meetings deemed important; BOT attendance up to BOT. We will ask the minister to come down to coffee hour.

New business: \*Bulletin boards will be hung in the Fleck Room. Since Social Justice wants one, there should be two. Perhaps the one in the hallway might be offered to the Scouts? A great idea from Council to post a few older photos on the boards and rotate them occasionally. \*Chairs were asked to gather suggestions about restructuring the Program Council, if they think that is something we want or need to do. On the agenda for next month! \*The Angel Fund was approved. Perhaps decorate the wooden church shaped box in a holiday theme as well as asking for mailed donations. We will set up a tree but we will not ask for congregants to buy gifts, just donate money which two people will use to shop from the list received from the Angel Fund. This was done successfully last year.

Next meeting, in the Fleck Room, Monday November 13 at 3PM