

GB Meeting 9/12/2011 (v2)

Present: Michelle, Katy, Sarah, Ken, Roni, Micah, Treasure, Chris, Janet

Not present: Nick, Kelly, Lori

9-12-2011

Dreaming-

As a new group we dream: peaceful working together, community, the power of community we can have around the table, the stone soup theory, want to have a fun environment, seek justice, love kindness, walk humbly. Dreaming about the church, the ability to feel safe, speak contrarily, bring up the hard topics in a safe environment. Dreaming we will collaborate with another church. Having the opportunity to create a non traditional forum in which to do business (ie light a candle etc). Having a more intentional connection with the EUCC MO conference, nationally.

UCC directory link on the churches website

1. Passed around directory listings for people to review and send changes to Cathi if needed

Business

1. August minutes passed as Nick had amended them for Spiering correct spelling and modification of Stillpoint circle change
2. A. Shared Space Policy discussion: (Katy reminded us utilities are \$1.00 per person per hour). Church has received to requests for waivers. Possible action: waivers reverted back to Shared Space Circle with a decision to delegate these and future waivers decisions to the Shared Space Circle. Katy reported the Circle will meet soon to discuss this.
B. Ken brought up the issue of our insurance policy. There is a meeting with our insurance agent this week and it's an unlikely possibility this topic will be part of that discussion.
C. Girl Scout and Y events are already scheduled
3. Ken made a motion to send these and future waivers to the Shared Space Circle to handle these requests and report back actions taken to the GB. Motion passed.
4. The issue of safety and procedures was brought to the GB in a letter send by Wynn Miller and Paul Mack. Recommendation was made to send this topic the to the Facilities Team for discernment. Discussion centered around budget costs, identifying the concerns of "safety for UCC" personal safety and congregant safety, and requesting assessment of risk and/or concerns. This review and recommendations would be returned to the GB. Janet will acknowledge our discussion to Wynn and Paul and pass the letter along to Facilities team asking for budget recommendations and costs.
5. The "There's a Place for You" bulletin board by the women's restroom is undressed and up for grabs.

Topics for Discussion

1. EUCC Personnel Policy
 - a. Question raised and recommended to change page 4 paragraph 4 be amended to say "Social Security and Medicare".
 - b. It was moved that the policy be adopted with that amendment and also adding a revision date. It was passed unanimously.
2. Facilities Team Leader is still vacant, and we need to address this void.
 - a. The team members have been approached to be team leader. The GB recognized it is an under funded and high stress task set.
 - b. GB will ask the facilities team to create a "job opening" request for the congregation identifying the skill sets we are looking for. Michelle will meet with the team to write a job. This will be posted in the bulletin, News and Notes, and the GB will review in October.
3. Name Change
 - a. The Church of Awesomeness was suggested.
 - b. The discussion questioned... is changing the name still timely? (yes, clear consensus) What is the process? (unknown) The People Team will create a temporary Name circle. They would come up with some suggested processes to present to the GB on this endeavor, Gail S, Theresa C, Cathy K, Lolli W, Earl B, and Micah will be asked to consider serving on the circle. Katy will ask these folks to a meeting, co hosted by Janet and Michelle.
4. Speed volunteering was pretty successful and Katy proposed repeating the event in January

Time ran and we closed. Ken agreed attaching these notes from the Finance Team would be representative of what he'd like the GB to know.

Finance

Richard and Anne Spiering Trust

1. Richard and Anne's trust states that their gift to EUCC is "to be used for the general purposes of the church as an unrestricted charitable contribution." Our gift is defined as 90% of the residue of the trust.
2. The claims period for creditors (which does not involve EUCC) runs through December 2011.
3. The attorney for the trust anticipates that the EUCC share of the residue "may be approximately \$350,000".
4. Suggest that we request the Gifts Circle, via the Finance Team, the task of recommending use(s) for the Spiering gift. Gifts circle is comprised of Paul Kachulis, Lolly Wehrli, and Scott Guerrero.
Note: acknowledgement needed in Oct GB meeting
5. Suggest the date for presentation of a recommendation is January 31, 2012. I chose this date so the conversation(s) are done before the actual amount is determined. Seems to me it would be more of a theoretical discussion if it occurs before the amount is known. This would permit reporting on the future role of the Spiering trust to the Feb 2012 meeting of the congregation.
6. Informing the Congregation could be assigned to a group which includes Katy, Janet and Doug Cormack (or someone else) from the EUCC Foundation.
7. Question – would we want to suggest to the Gifts Circle that this endeavor engage at least the program teams of the GB along with one or two adult ed conversations with the congregation?

Gathering a Wish List

From Community, Learning, Servant, Worship and Facilities Teams.

Ken distributed a wish list sheet to these five teams with a request that it be completed and presented to Paul K by Sunday, September 25.

Next meeting will be second Monday, October 10th at 6.00