

Rush United Methodist Church  
Leadership Committee Meeting Notes  
March 13, 2021

Present: Tanya Hunt, Erin Bills, Geoff Furman, Cindy Wallace, Patti Weaver, Lynda, Wanzenreid, John Kessler, Jan Corey, Jim Comstock, Pastor Todd Goddard

Guests: Rob Gruschow

Pastor Todd led the committee with sharing our joys and concerns.

Status of Ministry Action Plans (Maps):

1 Mission and Outreach

- Plan for a post pandemic outreach Mission Activity Board led by Erma Perkins with a focus on "permission giving." The Board would support the Youth Board to coordinate mission activities.
- South Africa: The goal will be to travel to South Africa once per year.
- Guatemala: Pastor Todd will lead this mission, including wheel chair collection for fixing and distribution to small villages.
- Leon Perkins hopes to travel to Syracuse for the Red Bird Mission and is also rehabilitating local houses.
- Diane Van Lare volunteers for FISH and RHAft.
- Our church members volunteer for the Flower City Work Camp.
- Richard Nereau volunteers at the State School at Industry. He is currently looking for a grant writer who can help apply for a grant for lodging for families of incarcerated youth.
- Joyce Smith is leading our church efforts for A Meal & More soup kitchen.
- Interfaith League and Interracial Clergy Council
- The Super Sale is headed up by Britta Stambaugh and Cindy Raymond.
- Carpenter and Sons does odd jobs around the church and Chris Chamot heads up the efforts with the Boy Scouts.
- Other mission efforts include the turkey dinner, community picnics, Let's Quilt, Elder Connections and the Christmas baskets.

Status of Ministry Action Plans for Youth (Maps):

1. Our goal is an active, closely related group of youth that supports Christian activism.
2. Employment of a Youth Director with a formulated and SPRC approved job description to be distributed throughout the community. Set compensation dependent on experience. We hope to have the Youth Director in place by September.
3. Start a Youth Advisory Board composed of youth and parents who will send representatives to the Leadership Committee meetings.
4. Erin started a discussion about hiring someone and paying for supplies without a line item in the budget. Jim said that short term it's not a problem but in the long term it is. Geoff volunteered to contact Devin Lyles and Matthew French

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Finance Committee:

1. Barb completed the paperwork for the completion of the 1<sup>st</sup> PPE loan.
2. The second PPE loan is awaiting SBA approval.
3. Jim doesn't have the February finance report from Spencer. The delay was from the need to file a conference report.

Trustee Report:

1. Discussion of compliance to property use policy.
2. Discussion of making the church and Sunday service more inviting to us. Items mentioned were replacing the tape on the carpet and pews, taking out term chairs and fresh flowers on the altar.
3. Our policy on wearing masks stays the same, following state and Conference guidelines.

Playground Update:

1. Tonya reported that we are getting a contract from the contractor.
2. Promise Land will be selling pavers to create a paved pathway to the playground.

Upper NY Conference:

1. We need to elect a representative to the conference which will be held over a period of 3 days on Zoom.

SPRC:

1. The project right now is starting the hiring process for the Youth Pastor.
2. The celebration plan for Judy's retirement is in the works.
3. Tonya won't be available after 9:30 on Saturdays for the month of April.

Notes submitted by:

Cindy Wallace

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 15 at 6:00 PM.