

Church Board Meeting
October 15, 2023

Present: Dave Kidder, Amy Miller, Meighan Pritchard, Patsy Severson

Rummage sale

People from the neighborhood said, “I’m so glad you’re back!” The sale made around \$2,500.

Cora is interested in having Art + Rummage sale ongoing for a while, a few hours at a time.

We will then need to get rid of whatever is left over: trips to the dump and Goodwill.

Suzanne is taking some of the clothes to Community Lunch.

Contact the Refugee Resettlement Office to see if they want anything?

Have an art reception/open house after Nov 18, when all the rummage is gone? Maybe Tom Bell and Dave Kidder could put together some reception music.

QR code might be a nonstarter for people—have to enter lots of information. Church’s checking account now has a Square account, using Patsy’s email as contact information. If we want to keep the Square account long-term, add Prospect’s email and phone as owner. App is installed on Suzanne Fry’s phone.

Trustees Report

Monitoring building expenses and maintenance, getting better analysis of what utilities cost, also what income is coming in. Dave and Chase now have a spreadsheet to better track facilities income, specifically whether renters are for-profit or nonprofit.

Reliable Roofing stopped responding to us. CDR worked on getting bids for the roof repair, contacting Reliable Roofing, which didn’t respond. CDR advised us to get an attorney, which we have done. Reliable’s Washington State office let license and bonding lapse. Their California office is still valid. The attorney is sending the California office formal notice to comply or be subject to legal action.

Fall Clean-Up Day is scheduled for Nov 18.

Child and Family Position

Tweaked and approved the job description. Patsy will contact conference about posting position.

Talked to two people about the position.

Community Outreach

Addie wants to set up a storefront space where kids can come do crafts. Maybe give her the preschool classroom?

Help people develop their own community outreach—

- Dave talked to Brenda about music improvisation class.

- Maybe Dave could offer a music improvisation space during the week.

- Invite some of our artists to give art classes?

- Classes might be free, with contributions to the church welcome.

Development of diversified worship services

Music: review the input we got on the survey we did a few years ago.
More we can do to connect with those who are questioning.

Treasurer's Report

Cora, Suzanne, and Patsy are now officially check signers recognized by Umpqua Bank.
We need another financial secretary. Stacy is moving to California when her house in Seattle sells. Patsy will put a notice out in the weekly emails.
Patsy will talk with Chase about the Square account if we decide to keep it long-term.

Where Are We Headed as a Church?

We need a plan.
We're doing outreach, connecting with people: Apple Day, rummage sale, things we're doing *outside of* Sunday worship.
Some feel that the Sunday worship isn't connecting with people as much. We use a traditional format that dates back to 18th century.
Next meeting: Develop SMART goals for how we move forward as a church.

Pastor's Report

Apple Day was a success with about 30 people, many gallons of apple juice.
Tables of 8 got back on its feet, hope to do it again in the spring.
Mike Stern is looking at coming on second Sunday in February.
Tri-Church initiative: pulpit swap today seemed to go well. Prospect is invited to worship in person at St. Paul's on Nov 5 followed by lunch.
Meighan met with Greg Turk of All Pilgrims recently, talked about their worship format, redevelopment plans for their building, ways in which All Pilgrims and Prospect could share space in a few years when All Pilgrims' building comes down.

Minutes submitted by Meighan Pritchard