

Orinda Community Church
Minutes of Church Council
Wednesday, October 21, 2020

Council Attendance: Kurt Sunderbruch, Anne Barr, Lani Shepp, Kathleen Wiegand, Bob Winbigler, Gail Mead

Clergy Attending: Elizabeth Robinson

Review of Survey Results: The survey yielded 56 responses. It was sent out to about 200 active members and friends. Question #7 regarding are one's pastoral needs being met was overwhelming "yes." There was great support for the recorded Sunday services. There are lots of church activities being offered to engage everyone. Kurt will put the survey results into a graphical format and do some PowerPoint slides for the congregational meeting on 10/25. Anne volunteered to put a slide together on the comments that were submitted.

Congregational Meeting Agenda Review:

Gail will co-host the meeting to mute audience/call on people as needed. Gail and Kurt will test Zoom's capability to tally votes to see if it fits our needs. Agenda includes survey results, auction kick-off, stewardship campaign, state of OCC finances, vote to become a Creation Justice Church, Covid taskforce update, and notification of the 11/8 congregational meeting. Elizabeth and Gail will check in with Nancy T. on her Creation Justice presentation and help her with PowerPoint slides as needed. Kurt will rearrange the topics so the Creation Justice vote is taken earlier in the meeting. Lani reviewed what she'll cover during her "state of the finances" topic; she'll take Qs and As. Gail mentioned that we may be able to do a "food-fun" auction next spring if Covid allows. Dinners at each other's homes have always been a fun auction donation but aren't safe right now due to Covid restrictions.

We discussed possible Christmas activities that we could safely offer this year: caroling in cars in the parking lot; listening outside to soloists sing carols; decorating the sanctuary with poinsettias for a video of soloists.

Per Kurt and Anne, OSHF and OCC are discussing more specific terms of agreement for the hillside property and we expect to be able to provide more details to the congregation in the weeks ahead.

The Council moved and approved going into a closed executive session to discuss personnel matters.

Kathleen Wiegand, Clerk