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Tasks

Important Notes

Feb 2019 GAPC General Meeting

Attendees: Debra Gray Boyd, Tuli Patel, Chelsea Surfus, Nancy Avery, Stephanie Samson, Zeb Green, Jan Sneegas, Rev. Marta Valentin, Denise Rimes, Jolanda Walter, Rev. Jennifer Gracen, Lannie MacAndrea , Cecelia Hayes

Opening: Debra Gray Boyd

Check In: How is the Weather in your soul?

Liaison reports:

Chaplains -

Questions from the Chaplains: How do they get the applications? How do the Chaplains manage the allocated money?

Answers:

1. Applications are on the website at the bottom of the volunteer section. Jenn will email Jan the names and emails of the co-chairs. She will make sure they get the applications when they come in.
2. Chaplains have control of their \$3,000 budget. They often cover registration for their co-leads and often the co-leads will use it to support their hotel rooms. The hats come out of this money as well.
3. They use the budget code to register. Jan will send Jenn the budget code.
4. Jenn will communicate these answers back to the Chaplains.

Board -

- Alicia Forde was appointed to the international office.
- The board has established a working group to work on the concept and study guides for GA. We expect something from them on Monday at the board meeting.
- The Presidential Search Committee had their final meeting three weeks ago. They came back with a significant list of recommended changes on the process. A number of these changes would impact our bylaws and roles.
 - One of these would be a care committee.
 - The amount of time on a campaign for president would be much shorter and the fundraising would be different, with a possibility of campaigns being funded.

- A new Presidential search committee hasn't been formed yet (it is supposed to be four years out from the election.) We are working on it.
- Congregational giving is down by about 1.6 million dollars. There is a lot of eyes on that. The Annual Program Fund has been a source of our funds for a long time. The decline happened before we switched our funding method.
- The UUA is projecting a deficit year and this doesn't include GA.
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 - The board is being very creative about GA. Denise helped to remind them they can't add things on Sunday and they can't use the General Session hall when they want. Debra expressed appreciation for Denise.
- We have a new secretary until GA, Patrick McLaughlin
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Safety Teams -

- Zeb and Debra are meeting with the safety committee later this week. There has been a verbal confirmation that the board will split it with us.

PDG -

- We have the [document copy](#) of what they are going to be sending out.
- Poster selection is coming up as well
- There is a work group that is being put together is mission driving.

CLF Collection -

- We don't have a proposal from them yet. **Debra is going to reach out.**

Special Collection Report:

There are [five organizations](#) to consider:

Carl Maxey Center

- Spokane is 3% people of color
- It is a conservative area.
- This program is small and just getting started.
- The focus is on the Black community in Spokane.
 - Carl used to be a member of the Spokane UU

Transitions Women's Hearth and Volunteers of America Hope House

- Serves Homeless women - significant problem in Spokane
- Deals with women only - not children or men.
- Women can stay in Hope House at night and walk to the Hearth during the day for training etc...
- These programs work closely together.

- They started because of a serial murder in the 90s. They were created to help women get off the streets.

The Spokane Alliance

- Local branch of the Industrial Areas Foundation.
- Organizing against Alt-Right activities
- Supports local organizations.
- Works with the medical school to put mobile health care on the streets.

Planned Parenthood

- Women's Health
- Women's ability to decide what they want to do with their health
- Serves Trans folks
- Meeting rooms for groups. They would dedicate a room to the UUA.
- You can go to this clinic with or without health care

Peace and Justice Action League of Spokane

- Started 20 years ago by 2 nuns
- Well attended trainings
- Help people understand how to stand up for what they believe in
- Progressive action in the NorthWest.

Where would the money do the most good?

Which one aligns best with our values and the work we are doing?

- The Spokane Alliance is the organization that most connects with the kind of work the UUA does and supports.
- The Spokane Alliance is work with the University and responding to hate groups.

- Each one was asked - if you got this award how will you spend the money. The answers will be forwarded to us by Stephanie and Lanie.

- We will decide in March, which organization to dedicate our special collection to.

LAC Report:

- Evening Entertainment had \$1,000 dollars to spend. We found a DJ for \$200 and offered Emma's Revolution 800\$. Emma's Revolution is bringing Vicki Randle with them. We are going to schedule it for 9pm on Wednesday after the parade.
- We have all the chair positions filled thanks to Nancy. The person who is going to be taking care of the house is the former director of the symphony in Spokane. Stephanie

has 15 people who have volunteered to work at GA and we need to fill the rest of the spots.

- Rev. Todd will be out of town the week we are there. His intern - Isabel Call - will be doing the service. She attended Starr King.

Covenant:

- This is a conversation that would likely be more easily happen face to face and in person. We would like to invite everyone to start reflecting about that and sending in the thoughts you have. We would like to set aside more time in the march meeting to go into that in depth.

Election:

- The election will be in April. The new officers will start at the end of GA.
- To take a position you will need to have served on the committee for a year. The chair is required to have served for 2 years. You can submit your name for more than one position.
- Submit your name to Ila. Ask questions of any of the current officers.

TASKS for PC Folks:

- Take care of registration and housing if you haven't. If you have questions about that or travel reach out to Jan.
 - NOTE: Housing and Registration open March 1, 2019 at 12pm Central 9am local time for the rest of the public.

Process Observation: Denise

Chaplains - encourage POC to apply

Having a committee to decide on recorded workshops

The conversation about which local would be the benefactor was rich.

Thanks to Tuli

We did a good job and to keep an eye on a few things.

Closing Words: Rev. Marta

Check Out