Vision Team DRAFT minutes 01/30/2024

Attendance

Members
Doris Peterson
Wanda Lundy
Gayle Griffin
Joanne Van Sant
Marcus Lambright
Jeremy T. Campbell
Steve Huston
Leah Fowler
Kirk Woodward
Debbie Murphy
Dan Martian

Excused
Roger Widicus
Linwood Bagby
Denise Kennedy
Maria Santa
Dave Myers
Berj Gulleyan

Vision Team met for its regular meeting on zoom at 4:00 PM on January 30th 2024.

Checkins were shared...

Policies on anti-harassment and from Admin Ops... There was an opportunity for questions. the group appreciated the work that went into the policies. They will be shared with the presbytery following final editing.

The Office Conversation group reported on their work. The vision team had the opportunity to ask questions. They shared that they had explored many options for potential presbytery office situations and settled on leasing space from Bloomfield Church on the Green. This space is convenient to highways, accessible via mass transit has sufficient storage for the presbytery's essential records, as well as flexible office space. the Motion to proceed with the lease was carried unanimously. The final draft will be approved at the next vision team meeting.

Communications audit report was discussed. This was done in preparation for our discernment process in 2024. It will be important that we can share the story of both the process and its results. Steve and Trudi will be working on implementing the changes recommended.

Vision team had previously approved the shared statewide SDOP committee with the other 4 presbyteries. Elders Justin Brant (Elmwood United) and Grant Ansah (FPC Irvington) elected to serve as our first 2 commissioners to that effort.

Information about the mortgage with Closer to God in Kearny was shared. This mortgage modification had been approved by the Newark Presbytery trustees in 2021 but had not been signed or recorded. It will be recorded with the appropriate clerks.

It was discovered that BIPOC and Latino Ministries didn't have program budgets included in the adopted budget as a result of an oversight in the new process that was implemented. The Vision Team acting as trustees voted to fund each of their program budgets \$5000 for 2024.

next meeting 2/27

Rev Steve Huston closed with prayer at 5:13.

Attest

Rev. Jeremy T. Campbell Stated Clerk/Corporate Secretary