

This week we want to update you on the Community Life Leadership Team.

The Community Life Leadership Team's mission is to provide for a healthy, nourishing and supportive community life at KC. Historically a member of the Community Life Leadership Team is represented on Council so that its voice is included in Council's deliberations. This year, however, we do not have that representation as we do not have a formal Community Life Leadership Team. Ken Katzen, who leads the Vitality, Diversity and Inclusion Focus Group, is on Council and his group's focus does provide a voice for what's going on in our Community. While we have not had formal representation, that does not mean that we have not had community members assuming some of the important responsibilities of this Leadership Team. Before I mention those talented and committed people, let's look at the responsibilities of this team.

The Community Life Leadership Team's Responsibilities include:

1. Welcome visitors and connect them with the Enabling Minister and others in the Community.
2. Overseeing community social functions that may include Sunday morning hospitality, community dinners and other social functions and special events hosted by KC.
3. Coordinate communication via email to the KC community.
4. Coordinate the upkeep of the KC website
5. Promote, support and encourage ideas offered by the community relying on the time, talents, and energy of the community.
6. Provide support to FOCUS and CARE Groups including funding, resources and support.
7. Provide oversight and facilitation of the Membership process.
8. Maintain and update information on CARE groups, FOCUS groups and current KC membership.
9. Submit an annual budget for Community Life expenses for Council approval and approve and monitor expenses throughout the year.
10. Oversee kitchen facilities and ensure kitchen/event supplies are available for KC events.
11. Report updates to Council as requested.

2017 Contributions by KC Members

Vicki and Gene Long, along with Jimmy Woodward and Sally Ayers and others who have stepped in to assist in Vicki and Gene's absence, provide refreshments and food for our hospitality time after Worship on Sundays. To say, "thank you," doesn't feel like enough We are indebted to everyone who provide for this community time together!

For many years, Bea Luzier has led the effort to welcome visitors on Sundays and then follow up to make sure they speak with the Enabling Minister and/or those in the community who can best support them. Bea has also coordinated New Member dinners that introduce them to KC. This year, Bea has been assisted by Ellen Leiserson from the Vitality, Diversity and Inclusion Focus Group. This FOCUS Group has passion around

inviting and welcoming new members from all faiths, races, and backgrounds to KC. They are doing a great job of increasing dialogue and listening to KC members and creating awareness of KC in the community by holding book study and discussion/dialogue events for KC and community members.

Carol Dunlavy and a team of volunteers hosted a Passover Dinner this year. Other events Community Life has offered in past years include Easter Sunday Brunch, dinner get togethers for new Members, and KC 101 Questions and Answer sessions for visitors.

Normale Doyle, for over 17 years, has coordinated the sending of email communication to the Community. Several other members have assisted in Normale's absence including Ellen King and Roger Blair. What a huge commitment this has been! Thank you, Normale!

Don Benson has spearheaded the launch of an updated website for KC and for Oliver's Carriage House for rentals. If you haven't seen the new site, www.kc-church.org, take a few minutes to do that. As candidates for Enabling Minister visit our site, they are presented with a vibrant site that truly reflects who we are as a community.

Bonnie Orrison, who retired from Council and the Community Life Leadership Team, has continued to provide support and council to new members and Council.

The Office Administrator position, held by Amy Sens, assumed several administrative functions that the Community Life Leadership Team held such as KC membership tracking and FOCUS and CARE Group list maintenance.

Finally, Don Link, Treasurer, assumed the responsibility for monitoring and approving Community Life expenses.

I'm sure there are others I have left off but know that anyone who has contributed to the health, nourishment and support of community life at KC, we are very grateful.

As you consider where God is calling you this upcoming year, consider the openings we have on the Community Life Leadership Team. We need a leader and someone willing to be the team's voice on Council. We need individuals who can support the Hospitality Team. If you feel called, we'd love to hear from you. Contact Theresa Gale, tgale@transforminc.com or Anne Yenchko, ayenchko@icloud.com.