

Spiritual Resources Board Meeting Notes - January 2024

Meeting was held via email on January 21, 2024

Current board members: Sue Mills, Chair; Linda Humphreys, outgoing Communicator; Debbie Evans, assistant chair; Nan Bush, adviser, Jim Hanisian, Stefanie Cristos, Jimmy Nitti, David Gruber, Fr Eric Mills, Jennifer Williams, George & Judy Freeman, Susan Heckler, Steve Moore

Sue asked for input from all board members.

Youth - Sue reports that the youth are invited to gather monthly, but attendance has been inconsistent. We had kids in December, but not January. On a good note, we have added Carol Shirm as a third volunteer to meet with the kids.

Sue reports that she is looking for someone to replace her as chair of Spiritual Resources. Eric will be starting sabbatical in the spring, meaning she will not be in church through most of the summer. She invited everyone to keep an eye out for a possible replacement.

Sue also reported the need for a communicator to replace Linda Humphreys.

Jim Hanisian reported that the Thursday Bible study began a look at the Gospel of St Matthew. Three new people joined, making total attendees 11. The unusual thing is that it is the first Bible study canon Jim has led which has more men than women (7-4). Discussion continues to be lively. And there is still room for several more if you know someone who would like to join.

David Gruber reported that the genealogy class resumed Wed, Jan 10 with 3 new folks, beginners, all. Those beginners are well on their way to be self-sustaining. Several carryover from the fall class, the more experienced who have decided to continue on their own. I have worked with 2 on an individual basis and found the information they were seeking. Glad to do that. The next class will be Feb 7 and that may be the last unless others come forward.

Debbie had nothing to report for the labyrinth. She continues to be backup for attending the board chair meetings when Sue is unavailable.

Stefanie reports that the library continues to receive book donations. 150 books have been added since the library moved to the new facility, and there are currently 890+ volumes. Utilization continues to be somewhat slow, with only 10-15 books checked out at any time. Stefanie drafted a short article for the Come & See newsletter to serve as a reminder and continue to encourage people to check out what's available.

Fr Eric reports that Lisa continues the series on science and religion at Sunday adult forum through Lent 1. Fr Eric plans to offer a 4 week series in Lent on aspects of pilgrimage—specifically the Camino since this is what his sabbatical will be.

Theology Uncorked continues on 2nd & 4th Wednesday evenings.

Lisa is developing an Eastertide adult forum at this time.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Mills.