

## **COMMITTEES OF SESSION**

### Highlights

#### **Membership, Evangelism and Fellowship**

Praying Through the Congregation

Identify opportunities to increase involvement of members. Create and send invitation postcards to members about special events

Listen to our youth on ideas for intergenerational activities.

Seminary Cinema: Faith and Film at OPC-Listened to proposal on future presentations.

1. Sunday Cinema- movies for a range of ages.

2. Saturday night at the Cinema: Aimed at the campus participants and a mature audience.

#### **Worship and Music**

Brief Review of Ash Wednesday Service. The service was unusually meaningful and beautiful, from the lovely, carefully crafted liturgy and communion to the hymn we joyfully sang a cappella. The sound was like that heard in a cathedral, which added to the aura of the service. Well done, Pastors Lawrence and Marc!!

Easter Sunday April 21, 2019: A brass quintet will provide special music at the worship service.

#### **Christian Education**

Adult Sunday Morning--Pastor Marc reminded us that Mary Shinn has completed the curriculum "Feasting on the Word" and will not be able to lead another adult study class at this time. Although some were in favor of having the class before worship, for others, such as choir members, this was not ideal. Further discussion on timing and ideas for study focuses is needed.

Campus Ministry Lunch on Us after church on Sunday, March 3, 2019 went well

Hosted Dinners: Students have stated that they enjoy being hosted in OPC members' homes. The goals are to provide a fun, casual time, with food and good conversation. These gatherings will hopefully give returning students something to look forward to and graduating students a chance for one last time together.

Graduation Sunday

It was determined that May 19 during service would be the best time to

recognize all graduates, both HS and MU. A special cake will be provided for fellowship

Confirmation Class: Jake confirmed that Confirmation Sunday is on Mother's Day, Sunday May 12.

Reducing Waste: two filtered water pitchers have been purchased and are now provided in the refrigerator at the Seminary. We are being asked to avoid, when possible, the use of disposable water bottles and use instead refrigerated water and glasses provided.

### **Trustees**

Saturday April 13 was set for the outdoor spring cleanup. At the same time as the contractor removes the large tree to allow the ramp construction, they will deliver an adequate amount of mulch for the cleanup effort. If bad weather prevails, there is no backup date set but work will be done as available labor permits during the following week, as Easter falls on April 21.

### **OPC Joint Facilities Planning Team / Trustee Meeting Minutes**

The purpose of the meeting was to allow both groups to come to an understanding of the current status of each group's intentions and to facilitate moving forward with the mission and future of the OPC. While the issue of the proposed Memorial handicapped-accessible bathroom(s) served to prompt the gathering, the general consensus was that a more regular sharing of information would be useful.

### **Mission and Outreach**

Russia Trip Update Funding is coming along. Need to act quickly to get good airfare rates 5 people are going No Presbytery support for this trip Costs for Russia visas have increased Need invitation to visit Russia, Bill asked Igor to write such letters Ellen Smith (missionary) will be joining group once in Russia

Discussed hosting one of our mission co-workers or an international Peacemaker. Someone we support, to reinforce and keep connections well known. Invite someone to visit in the summer—who? Email our contacts to find out when next planning to visit US.