

In The Loop

English Worshipping Community Commission Meeting March 18, 2019

The English Worshipping Community (EWC) Commission meeting started with a devotion led by Jeanette Huie. She shared from Psalm 27 that how we understand and experience God in the world and in our own lives has an impact on how we make decisions. We shared some of our individual struggles that are impacting our lives right now.

Scott Barlow, President of the Cameron House Board and Yulanda Kwong, Cameron House Interim Executive Director, joined the meeting to give an update on the search for a new Executive Director, the Healing Committee activities, and Program staffing. Discussion followed concerning the partnership between PCC and Cameron House and the progress being made on the 2016 Strategic Plan. Appreciation was expressed on behalf of all PCC Worshipping Communities for Cameron House's support of PCC during the repairs to our building after both fires.

Dave Miller continues his coordinator role and submitted a report by email. He will need to know the start date of the interim pastor once chosen in order to plan for guest preachers. He also asked for suggestions of persons who would check the English voice mailbox for the church phone line on a regular basis. Dave Soo Hoo volunteered to check during the week. Dave Miller also suggested finding one person to manage both the eNews and also the Bulletin updates for now since volunteer person power is limited.

The Interim Pastor search continued in a positive direction. A candidate had been chosen and a proposal had been sent to COM for approval. A draft contract had also been drawn up in preparation for next steps after COM approval of the proposal.

A Consistory (EWC Elders and Deacons) was planned for March 31st at PCC.

Winchell Quock reported that the EWC treasury is at expected level with reserves being maintained as well. He suggested that Dave Miller continue as support staff/coordinator once the interim pastor starts to provide a smoother transition for our EWC.

Committee reports:

Resource: Suggestion was made to have a laminated card with our QR code on for donations or "Donated on-line" card to put in the offering bag on Sundays.

Mission and Evangelism: One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be taken Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Food Pantry recertification is in progress. Winter Shelter Feed meal was served in February at the Unitarian Church. Discussion is ongoing regarding a future mission trip with possibilities of a local mission trip in the near future being considered. A CH Carnival Help Day with PCC support is being planned for April 28th. CCDC is asking for help preparing a community garden above the Broadway Street tunnel.

Worship and Nurture: There will be a Memorial Day weekend retreat this year May 25th-27th. Maundy Thursday will be at 7th Avenue Presbyterian Church on April 18th at 7:30 pm.

Nominating Committee: First meeting will be March 31st. Priority is to find nominees for Personnel Committee.

Commission and Mission and Evangelism Committee continue to consider ideas on how to use \$1,000 from the Presbyterian Mission Fund. Suggestions have been a mission trip and an interfaith project. A suggestion was to have a mission trip idea contest/competition.

Upcoming Dates:

March 31	Consistory Retreat
April 2	Committee Meetings
April 16	Commission Meeting
April 28	Lunch and Carnival Preparations with youth at Cameron House
May 4	Cameron Carnival
June 9	Session Meeting