

June 2022 Executive Report

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Ministry

Lifespan Learning

Membership and Community

Membership Committee (Ellen Taylor/Marilyn Lantz)

Caring Ministry (Jude Cigrand)

Card Ministry (Jill Moser)

There were three notices sent to the card group for concerns of members to send cards, emails and call with care.

Pastoral Care (Ann Mowery)

Twenty-four pastoral care contacts.

Childcare (Hannah Notch)

Completed for the year unless requested.

Stewardship (Liz Bredesen)

Facility/Grounds (Doug Aupperle)

Communication Group (Barb Royal, Deidre Fudge, Liz Bredesen, Louise Alcorn)

Social Justice/Outreach

Asylum Seekers (Morgan Dredge)

SJMLT (Katie Allen, Sally Boeckholt, Ron Heideman, Doug Aupperle – Social Justice Ministry Leadership Team)

FEDS (Bruce Martin)

Report for FEDS June 2022: on June 20 the FEDS prepared and served approximately 200 meals at the Shelter of Central Iowa. A total of 8 volunteers were involved.

Faith in Action (Steve Gilson)

Green Sanctuary (Ron Heideman)

Family Promise and FFFFF/PPP (Elaine Imlau)

Family Promise

PPP/FFFFF

Write Here, Write Now (Bill Brauch/Donna Wallace)

AMOS (Barb Klubal)

All-AMOS Meeting

This June meeting centered around discussions of how to build AMOS' relational power through the Sept. 11 Delegate Assembly and in the coming year..... including Marshalltown and western suburb expansion opportunities!

AMOS-Ames & Story County

22 leaders from Ames AMOS institutions met in June at Ames United Church of Christ to build strong, relationally connected organizations in Ames and take next steps to improve access to housing and living wage jobs in Story County.

Affordable Housing Research Team

In our search for permanent affordable housing the AMOS team continues to build support and learn in order to bring a Community Land Trust (CLT) to Des Moines/Polk County. In June, Affordable Housing team members met with Sarah Boese, Director of Community Relations, Polk County Supervisors and Jane Rongerude, Associate Professor, Community and Regional Planning, Iowa State University to determine how they might support bringing a community land trust to Polk County. The team is planning for a two-day training by national CLT experts, Grounded Solutions, in Polk County in November.

Let's Talk/Des Moines Public Schools

Let's Talk leaders will conduct a summer training for people interested in working with the group in Middle Schools. There will be a circle training on Friday, July 29th and mediation training on Monday/Tuesday - August 1st and 2nd. See the upcoming Intercom Weekly for details.

Mental Health

The AMOS Polk County mental health proposal to spend \$1.9 million of the County's American Rescue Plan Act funds to train and retain mental health therapists in Polk County appears to have broad support among Polk County Supervisors and key staff. County Administrative staff has been busy preparing a plan for how the program will be administered as a process will need to be in place to determine who will decide the grant recipients and track recipients' compliance with the requirement to work in Polk County in mental health therapy for a set number of years after receiving college scholarships and stipends through the program.

Upcoming AMOS Calendar

July 11 – 15 – IAF (Industrial Areas Foundation) 5-day training in Denver

July 23 -AMOS Face to Face Conversations

9:30-11:00 am at Ankeny First United Methodist Church, Uptown location (206 SW Walnut Street, Ankeny, 50023). Enter from the north parking lot. Event in the Fellowship Hall.

What does it mean to stand in solidarity with others? How do we build inclusive communities? Join AMOS leaders for a face to face gathering where we will answer these questions through conversation with others. We will begin with a brief training, then pair you with two partners for separate 1-1 conversations.

Register here: <https://forms.gle/qjqDNxAHwf4Vk6FD6> First Unitarian Board members are encouraged to attend.

August 18 – ALL AMOS Meeting on ZOOM – 5:30 pm

September 11 – Delegate Assembly, 3:00 – 4:30 pm, Grace United Methodist Church, 3700 Cottage Grove Avenue, Des Moines, 50311.

Transgender Action Group (Gianfranco Berardi, Doug Aupperle)

Leadership Group (Katie Allen)

Service Attendance:

May

06/05/22: 68 in person, 27 Zoom

06/12/22: 46 in person, 27 Zoom

06/19/22: 45 in person, 20 Zoom

06/28/22: 31 in person, unknown Zoom (GA Zoom)