

OFR Annual Report Property Use Team

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Team: Trixie Steiner-Rose, Adam Sherr, Beth Walker, Bruce Conley, Bula Bhular, Michael Caine and Arthur Casey Conan.

Goals for 2025: We had hoped to develop a resource with details on the rooms available for public use with square footage and fees. With Casey's terrific help, we completed that. We scheduled a community conversation to get a variety of folks into the property to see what we have to offer. Unfortunately, we only had a couple of attendees, though both Shelly and Casey showed others the buildings at a later date. We also were made aware of a need to put together a small group to be available for moving furniture, and, with Trixie's help, we have made a good beginning on that task.

Moving forward: We believe that the community room at Old First House could be rented by other groups, and that will be an addition to the work in marketing the sanctuary and newly cleared out hall downstairs. We hope to continue our work to discern how best to market the space. We are also aware of the need to develop a policy on appropriate uses for the spaces (mostly related to content of performance events), so we will discuss this. We also need to continue to work with Michael, Oscar, and Casey to ensure that they are not overtaxed with moving furniture or managing use of the property.

We try to meet bi-monthly via zoom at a mutually convenient time for members. We can always use members who are interested in helping the community know about the terrific space we have and helping the church and its staff manage that use!