

Coordinating Council Minutes

April 4, 2017

Attending:

Linda Underwood, Khleber Van Zandt, Jaye Williams, Marty King, Tom Voigt, Claire Harrison, , Bill Dowling, Joel Morrison, Bev Morrison, Catherine DiSante, Lori Baribault

Guest: Steve Doublestein

Meeting called to order at 9:30.

Chalice lighting and reading by Khleber Van Zandt and check in by all present.

Announcements:

General Assembly: Dave Lyon announced we have several people signed up to participate and the board may have for the first time the task of having to choose delegates and thus establish criterion. It was suggested that expectations of a delegate also be carefully explained to potential delegates.

Spring Karr Building Cleaning: The Campus Crew will be cleaning out the Karr Building and Teams that have stored things there should arrange to come either on a Thursday morning or make an appointment with Bill Dowling to get into the pump house to look at the boxes stored. What isn't claimed by April 20th will be donated or thrown away. Most of the stored things are decorations.

Old Business:

Nan's Party: Linda Underwood has spoken to Nan and Nan has agreed reluctantly to have an appreciation party for her years supporting UUCOV as our Administrative Assistant at a Sunday service with cake at coffee hour. SME and our minister will pick a Sunday preferably in May to schedule this and voluntary donations will be sought for a cash gift.

Roadway: Dave Lyon shared his discussion regarding the use of the roadway with Montessori school and the issue of safety of children, parents picking up their children and UUCOV members. A one way in during school pick up times is being tried as a possible solution. The one way signs however are confusing for UUCOV members. They are meant for parents during pick up times.

We have identifies a team to work with the school on this road issue but in the meantime Jaye Williams is having an event during school pick up times and a traffic director was requested. Bill Dowling will solicit a volunteer for April 11th, 12:30 .

Congregational Brochure: Claire reinforced her request made at the last CC meeting for Team information to update a Congregational Brochure. Kudos to Jaye Williams who has submitted her Team's update. Claire will resend the draft brochure and she hopes to have this printable by the fall so Teams need to get their materials submitted in early summer.

New Business:

Covenant: It is the start of the new year and the CC members reviewed the covenant they had written last year. No changes were recommended but it was recommended that it be formatted for signatures and hung on the wall. The chair will take that responsibility.

Solicitation at Coffee Hour: A lengthy discussion took place on the topic of people soliciting for both profit and non-profit purposes at coffee hour. Some members are offended by being approached at a Sunday service. This discussion broadened to the display of profit and non-profit materials. All agreed that if we could arrange a space or rack for non-profit items of interest that it would be of interest to our congregation to see information on events and organizations. But currently we do not have that **capacity**. The issue of who determines the “worthiness” of items was also discussed. We all agreed that as a minimum we could all agree that the 13 charities that we support as a congregation could display their events once we obtain additional bulletin board or rack space. All agreed that no for profit solicitation should be condoned during coffee hour and the issue of use of the directory information for advertising is something that is not condoned. It was decided that the board will take this issue for discussion.

Budget: Joel Morrison distributed the 2017/18 budget allocations to the Teams and fielded questions about the budget. The Fiscal Committee will be meeting to make initial changes to the budget and if Teams need subsequent changes they need to justify their change in writing and present to the Fiscal Committee. Budget changes are expected as we cannot anticipate every need. A budget change should be for at least \$500. At the end of the year unspent money is not carried over unless it is in an restricted account. Money gathered at a social event goes back to the general fund.

Discussion of social events at no cost will be on the agenda in May.

Tom Voigt is helping the Legacy Group reorganize for a more systemic and financially successful outcome. He is confident the Committee is on the right path.

Congregational Goals: The board is soliciting teams for recommendations for items to be considered for congregational wide focus. All Teams are working to identify their own goals but congregational goal recommendations are encouraged. Please get any ideas to any board member by April 27th when the board is on retreat to work on goals. Some ideas briefly discussed: Facility planning (carried over from this year), Mission work, long range planning for staff needs, and legacy focus.

Guest Input:

Interweave: Steve Doublestein has recommended that UUCOV’s Interweave pull away from the Suncoast Interweave due to a lack of action. They have met for two years with no results. Steve feels his time can be better spent on other activities. CC agreed with his recommendation. Steve is interested in working to make Interweave more visible to the Venice community through both social events and educational opportunities and would like to work with Adult RE and Social Events. He also would like to partner with some other church communities as well as renewing our “Welcoming” status.

CC was in agreement with Steve and supports his recommendations and suggested that the board consider the “Welcoming” renewal as a congregational goal.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am

Next Meeting: May 2nd.

Respectfully submitted: Catherine DiSante, Linda Underwood

Accomplishments that the CC is the most proud of this past year –

- Providing all social events open to all with no fees.
- Moving the hymnals from under the chairs to the new bookcases.
- Actualization of the Memorial Wall
- Coordinating Council Teams working in conjunction with each other.
- New patio that has made our sanctuary more welcoming and coffee hour more hospitable.
- Exploding vitality of the Social Justice Team
- Fiscal Team committees working together and producing
- Campus Team fellowship
- Expanded community involvement at our RE programs due to informative topics and expanded advertising
- Expanded numbers involved in the Welcoming Announcement
- Advertising emphasis changed – program focused
- Pathways no longer emphasizing membership but rather welcoming information.
- System changed to readily identify friends and supply nametags.
- Focused, high quality Adult RE options have brought record number of new people to UUCOV.
- The positive energy and connections of the congregation that is noted by members, friends, visitors and minister.