

Coordinating Council Minutes

February 6, 2018 Meeting

Meeting began at 9:30 a.m.

Present: Linda Underwood, Lori Baribeault, Joel Morrison, Khleber Van Zandt, Jaye Williams, Tom Voigt, Bev Morrison, Marty King, and guest – Donna Schafer

Check In was done.

Kudos: Campus Team for lighting and landscaping, Jack Heads for auctioneering, Dave Williams and Bob Knudsen for Credenza, and Ken, Bob, Paul and Dave for assembling the Ikea cabinet in Asta Linder.

Announcements:

Annual Reports Due: A reminder that annual reports are due to Salli as soon as possible. Last date end of February but earlier is appreciated.

Stewardship Kick Off Event: Please share with all that the Saturday night Musical Event at 5:30 in the Sanctuary will be fun. Bar and pot luck appetizers and desserts

Old Business:

Internal Communication Info Sheet: Summary of all our communications venues was shared and is appended to these minutes so Team Chairs have a copy for their computers. Please share widely. The purpose is to remind committees of all our communication vehicles.

We discussed the Sunday morning slides. We had two Chairs (Bill Dowling and Joel Morrison) express an interest in helping Khleber with these. It was discussed that too many slides dilute the impact of the slides. This currently is the responsibility of Khleber and we will not modify this at the moment but for future consideration we need to remove this responsibility from our minister.

There are questions as to the parameters available with our UUCOV Facebook Page. Tom invites anyone interested to the Communication Team Meeting.

Outreach to Members: In Claire's absence, Linda reminded members who have not yet reached the members they were to reach out to that Claire would like to finish this project and to get your results to her. Linda felt this was a very valuable effort that has both identified people who are no longer interested in membership and it has re-energized some to perhaps re-involve themselves. Claire is working on a process that we will regularly contact people we have not seen on a more regular schedule.

Annual Meeting Agenda Review: The Council reviewed the proposed agenda for the annual meeting with no recommendation for changes. It was discussed should the Morocco Raffle be conducted at the Annual Meeting. It was agreed that it should not and the Fiscal Team will identify an alternative venue. If raffle tickets and sold publically that will affect the final raffle event.

New Business:

Introduction to the Sarasota County Age Friendly Movement: Bev provided a handout to the Council on the Sarasota County Age Friendly and shared an overview of this county wide program that the Sarasota County Commissioners have endorsed. Dr Black, who is spearheading this effort has done a presentation at UUCOV and is looking for allies to approach the City of Venice.

Council members are requested to review the information and we will further discuss this next month on how we might support this endeavor.

Conflict Resolver Volunteers: Olga Hebert is coordinating a project with our youth who will be interviewing UUCOV members who have some experience in conflict resolution. They are seeking some volunteers to be interviewed on February 18th, Sunday during the 9:30am Sunday service. The following volunteered to participate – Lori, Marty, Linda, and Walt Koenig and Dirk Scholten were also suggested.

Linda will coordinate with Olga.

Planning/Calendar: Our congregational calendar is very crowded and at times we have congregation wide events very close to each other. Also we are struggling with securing leadership/coordinator volunteers. The Council spent times discussing the purpose for our different events – fun, spiritual or fund raising. We have participant goals for some of our events but are we reaching the people we are intending to. Christmas Day was targeted so people alone would not be alone for the holiday. This was not well attended. Should Social Events be coordinating more with Caring Committee? Is a big event something that appeals to our older members? We had a good, far reaching conversation about our events. All agreed that we should review our calendar this next month and be ready to discuss further in March. Agreement was reached that special interest events, such as Solstice should be encouraged. Also we should be flexible and let the calendar change. Perhaps if we do not have a volunteer than an event does not happen. Also the role of the Social Events Team was discussed and how they might support other Teams for events, instead of bearing the full responsibility. The congregation has grown used to holiday events and they have been well received. This topic deserves thorough thought and will be on the agenda for at least one more CC meeting. Prior to the next CC meeting Linda will forward an annual calendar so we can look at our next year event schedule.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Linda Underwood