Minutes of Coordinating Council Meeting April 6, 2021

In attendance:

Tom Voigt Joel Morrison Jack Head

Pam Palmer Khleber Van Zandt Barbara Buehring Richard Cannarelli Eileen Leapley Kathy Avery

Bill Dowling Linda Underwood - Guest

The meeting started at 9:30 a.m. Everyone checked in.

Updates on Unfinished Business – Barbara shared that her new Social Justice email account doesn't work. Jack is aware of that. It will be corrected, and all of them will soon work.

Breeze Update – Linda explained to the C.C. members how to install Breeze on our phones, so that we have ready access to the directory wherever we are. Linda said if anyone has any questions, she is available to help. Jack said that after the Board reviews and approves it, Breeze will be rolled out to the congregation.

Tom discussed the Communications Team's need for a person to attend its meetings who has knowledge of the Breeze system. Jack said there will be several knowledgeable people who can attend.

The Breeze calendar was discussed. Two separate calendars are being looked at, after which a decision will be made as to which will better meet UUCOV's needs.

Spring Cleanup of Campus - Bill Dowling said the Campus Team needs help for Spring Cleanup. He has gotten a few responses so far. Regarding tree trimming, Bill met with Monty Andrews, a UUCOV friend who is a skilled arborist. Monty agreed to do the tree trimming himself, with help from other volunteers.

Regarding the chancel renovations, Bill, Dave Williams, Bob Knudsen and others have been working on making it both larger and handicapped accessible. It will be modified to have a 10-foot ramp, which will comply with codes. The opposite side of the chancel will be enlarged, so the piano can go back up on it. The work will be done in house, and will cost approximately \$5,000. The Coordinating Council agreed to take the chancel improvement project to the Board for their approval.

Our current policy of producing both a monthly and a weekly newsletter was discussed. Salli evidently sends out the newsletters to 700 or so people, and most don't read it. Combining the two newsletters and sending them out every two weeks is one alternative. A platform called MailChimp is being investigated to create newsletters. Bill observed that reaching out to new people is important, via the two newsletters. Tom mentioned that it is too early to make a decision on whether to continue emailing newsletters, combining them, et cetera. The matter will be tabled, and revisited in the fall.

Jack asked if anyone had a report on reopening the campus. Khleber reported that there are three factions: those who want to reopen now, those who don't want to reopen now, and those who want to reopen slowly, in the near future. The Board is meeting next Thursday on the patio, and several other groups are meeting on campus outside with masks and social distancing. Khleber is concerned that he needs to know well in advance and is able to plan for when we do open.

Richard noted that it is imperative that we check the Covid-19 data from Sarasota County, and make our decision based on what the data tells us.

Pam wants to make sure that the sanctuary is completely cleaned and sanitized before we do open. There have been plumbing issues as well.

April 11th Beach Service at Maxine Barritt Park – Pam has 57 registered so far. She has Mandatory Masks signs, a hand sanitizer station, and 6-foot distancing will be enforced.

Kathy raised the question of how will we deal with the YRE program when we do open up. The YRE teachers don't feel safe about returning to teaching in the confined space of Asta Linder.

Jack mentioned that the look of the sanctuary has changed dramatically, especially in the A/V areas.

Pam recognized the contributions of Bonnie Norton to UUCOV over the years. All agreed that Bonnie was a vital member who will be very much missed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Eileen Leapley