

## Coordinating Council Meeting Minutes for September 1, 2020

The meeting began at 9:30 a.m.

**In Attendance:** Pam MacFarlane, Barbara Buehring, Eileen Leapley, Jack Head, Kathy Avery, Linda Underwood, Tom Voigt, Rev. Khleber Van Zandt, Bill Dowling

Opening words were spoken, chalice was lit.

Check in was done.

Jack discussed the recent Board of Trustees retreat. He brought up 8 topics, and asked the group which topics they would like to concentrate on. It was agreed that number 1, gaining new members on committees; number 3, reaching out to church members who are not comfortable with technology; and number 5, understanding lines of communication, should be our main topics of discussion.

### Old Business:

- Discussion ensued on the best ways to transfer leadership of teams to new team leaders. Should we continue to physically transfer documents, or move to strictly online documents?
- Linda U. had created a form that was in use for several years which detailed each team's purpose, responsibilities, structure etc.
- Jack H. and Jim Beckstrom are working on getting the Neighborhood groups in a database on line.
- Khleber mentioned our budget during these times of pandemic. Instead of tightening our belts, and spending only the minimum, perhaps we should think about spending money on technology, as we will probably be relying on it more and more in the future.

### New Business/Team Activities:

Kathy A. brought up a Coming of Age ceremony. Three of our youth would be involved in this event. We discussed ideas, and agreed to help Kathy plan a ceremony.

Re: shOUT, Barbara B. reported that Steve Doublestein is seeking more members, especially to help him renew our Welcoming Status with the U.U.A.

Re: A.R.E., Kathy has formed an A.R.E. moderator committee. She is looking for topics of interest to the congregation. It was mentioned that many in the congregation dislike using ZOOM. Salli will train people on ZOOM, but we must try to get people to overcome their "fear" of using ZOOM.

Re: Communications, Tom V. reported that the Communications Team is "on hold" while the virus continues. Janet K. is doing a great job of putting out press releases when there are programs, but programs are minimal at this time.

Re: Sunday Morning Announcements, discussion ensued about whether the Announcements should be brought back to the Sunday Morning YouTube services. It would be another way of advertising events besides Happenings, Connection, In-Touch, the UUCOV webpage, and the UUCOV Facebook page.

Linda U. brought up the budget. Dave L. thinks we are doing okay. Linda thinks that if money needs to be spent, such as for technology, we should spend it.

It was brought up that we need to learn from this time of pandemic. What should we continue, such as online

services, ZOOM meetings, etc. For example, fellowship groups have benefited from online meetings, as those up north can still attend the meetings.

How can we connect more? The telephone has been a very useful tool in keeping members connected.

Re: The Caring Team, Eileen L. reported that a committee will be formed to review the UUCOV Memorial Gardens, which Dave Williams is passionate about reviving. The committee will report back to the Coordinating Council next month on their plans.

Chalice was extinguished, closing words were read.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eileen Leapley