

## Minutes of Coordinating Council Meeting

June 1, 2021

In attendance:

Barbara Buehring	Richard Cannarelli	Jack Head	Eileen Leapley
Pam Palmer	Khleber Van Zandt	Tom Voigt	

The meeting started at 9:30 a.m. Opening words were spoken. Everyone checked in.

Updates on Unfinished Business –

- Team email addresses are still a work in progress, but Jack said they will soon work.
- Jack reminded the team leaders that they need to keep our new website up to date, so that visitors to the website know that we are an active, vibrant congregation.
- Discussion was held about the status of the sanctuary. The chancel renovations will not be completed by this Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, the date of our reopening. Seating will be limited due to the construction, as well as the ongoing need for social distancing. Richard suggested a “soft opening.” Khleber will send out an email blast notifying the congregation that work is ongoing. We’ll wait until the chancel is completed before advertising in the Sarasota Herald-Tribune, Venice Gondolier, or our sign on Pinebrook Road.

New Business:

- Transportation to Sunday services was discussed. The Transportation committee coordinator primarily arranges to take congregants to and from doctor and surgery appointments, but if a specific request is made, she will do her best to fulfill the request. Volunteers are limited for this need, especially in the summer months, but the committee will make every effort to respond.
- The return of Meatless Monday was discussed. Richard noted that his wife Serena, as a member of the Covid-19 Task Force, has received numerous calls asking if meetings are allowed, etc. She thinks it is not her place to answer these questions, but doesn’t know who to refer the callers to. Khleber reminded all that the Board’s decision was to open the buildings as of June 6th, with masks required at all times in the buildings.
- The status of Family Promise was discussed. Our next hosting is August 1 through 8. We are not hosting in Asta Linder as we did pre-pandemic. Instead, we will be responsible for either supplying meals or financial help for meals to the families at the Day Center on Shamrock Blvd.
- The status of the Social Activities team was discussed. Linda Underwood had suggested that perhaps the focus of this team should be changed to Community Connections, instead of merely organizing parties, etc. This team could combine the committees such as Neighborhood Gatherings, Active Elders, and Fellowship Groups, thereby being more inclusive and welcoming. Pam suggested forming a mini-task force to work on this idea. Pam, Eileen, Richard C., and Linda U. will meet in July to discuss this.

- The Green Sanctuary was discussed. Donna Jewett is working diligently to revitalize the team. She has brought back Meatless Mondays, planted a tree on the campus, etc. Jack discussed the need for being able to track how “green” UUCOV is and how we can improve, by using less paper, etc.
- Richard spoke about the need for recognizing the A/V team, especially Dick Smith, who has been working for years on it. One suggestion was that the new A/V booth be named for Dick. This will be brought up at the upcoming Board meeting.
- The aging Sanctuary blinds were discussed. A few years back, UUCOV was given an estimate of \$15,000 to replace all the blinds. Richard noted that the cost of the old blinds had been donated by a member. Pam suggested that we check into doing a fundraiser for this project.
- Attendance at the virtual Coffee Hour in the past few Sundays has been declining sharply. Jack will keep track of how many attend in June, and we may consider eliminating it in July.
- Barbara noted that Pat Wellington’s virtual Headline News hasn’t been well attended recently, and will probably move to in-person meetings in the near future. Jack noted that we need to look into an efficient method of making Zoom meetings available in Waters Hall when we move to in-person meetings there.
- The buildings need a really good cleaning before we open up. It appears that we are as ready as we can be for our reopening.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eileen Leapley