

Minutes of Coordinating Council Meeting

April 5, 2022

Meeting began at 9:30 a.m.

Present:

Steve Leapley Barbara Buehring Linda Underwood Kathy Avery
Pam Palmer Judy Houston Eileen Leapley Donna Jewett

Chalice was lit.

New Team Leaders, Judy Houston and Pam Palmer, were welcomed.

Check-In was done.

New Business:

Green Sanctuary -

Donna Jewett presented the Green Sanctuary's vision of updating the grounds. A plan has been drawn for a pollinator garden behind the Sanctuary, along with edible plants and a meditation garden. She also has a plan for the backyard of Asta Linder House, including painting a mural on the rear wall. Pat Wellington has designed a plan for the mural. Donna would like adults and children to paint the mural. It was noted that this project should be a congregational effort.

The plans would be implemented in stages, over approximately a two-year period. The pollinator garden behind the Sanctuary would go in first, then the Asta Linder back yard.

The Coordinating Council members agreed with the proposal, provided that it is done in steps, and that it involves the whole congregation.

-Steve requested that each Team send him their goals, both short term and long term.

Mission Statements –

The Mission Statements for each Team were discussed. Barbara submitted her Social Justice Team's new Mission Statement. It was requested that if anyone has an updated Mission Statement, send it to Eileen.

Membership –

Linda gave an update on the whereabouts of members whom we haven't seen since the start of the pandemic. She and Eileen are working on contacting these members and friends.

An Adaptability Equipment Corner has been placed in the Waters Hall garage. Eileen will put a paragraph in the May Connection announcing the availability of walkers, crutches, potty chairs, wheelchairs, should anyone in the congregation need to borrow one.

Activities Team –

Pam described her position as coordinator of the Activities Team (formerly Social Activities Team). If anyone has an idea for church activity, she will help them implement it. She will also work with outside groups renting our space.

It was noted that some committees, such as those currently under Kathy's Religious Education Team, should be moved to Pam's Activities Team. The Team Leaders will work to make these moves.

It was reiterated that only Teams are sanctioned by the Board, and meet as part of the Coordinating Council. Committees work under Teams. Sometimes the two words are used by mistake. It would be helpful if those Team Leaders could let their committees know to change their titles (for example, Grounds Committee and Community Forum Committee).

Next month, each Team is to bring a list of the committees that report to them.

Social Justice Team -

Barbara discussed her Social Justice Team organization. Discussion ensued about whether a new Facebook group should be set up, which will be political but non-partisan. Barbara will submit a report to the Board describing this potential new Facebook page.

8th Principle –

The 8th Principle was discussed. Should UUCOV as a congregation discuss the 8th Principle, and possibly eventually bring it up to a congregational vote? It was recommended that the C.C. ask the Board to come up with a process to educate the congregation using small groups, speakers, etc.

Kathy mentioned that when holding a possibly contentious meeting, it is imperative to use a Parliamentarian who observes Robert's Rules of Order. Linda noted that consensus can also be used in such a meeting.

Barb will talk to Steve Jens-Rochow, a UU Justice Florida Board member, to see if he can speak to our congregation about the 8th Principle. Kathy will talk to Rev. Beth Miller about speaking to the congregation as well.

Other Business -

- Each Team leader was asked to read over the Coordinating Council Covenant, and bring any possible changes to next month's meeting.
- Salli will be gone from April 18th – 22nd. Dave Lyon asked Steve to ask the Team Leaders if they would hold on to the UUCOV office cell phone between 9 – 5 p.m. on those days. Linda volunteered to keep it for one day.
- The Campus Team still is in search of a new leader.

Meeting ended at 11:20 a.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 3rd, 9:30 a.m.

Submitted by Eileen Leapley