

Minutes of Coordinating Council Meeting

January 3rd, 2023

In attendance:

Rev. Amy Petrie Shaw	Thom Reeves	Pamela Palmer	Judy Houston
Barbara Buehring	Kathy Avery	Steve Leapley	Linda Underwood
Joel Morrison	Eileen Leapley		

Chalice was lit. Opening words were spoken. Check in was done.

Old Business:

The Donation buttons on our website were discussed. Linda had suggested that we need to explore getting our donation buttons “into the 21st century.” Joel would like one for the Endowment Fund and one for the Futures Fund. Rev. Amy, Kathy, and Salli will look into the donate buttons at today’s staff meeting.

Problems with our Coffee Hour were discussed. At the last Pathways meeting, it was mentioned that our Coffee Hour was disappointing. After discussion, Kathy offered to coordinate the Coffee Hour with Ruth Boysworth. Steve offered that the Board of Trustees would organize the Coffee Hour for the four Sundays in February.

Discussion was held regarding the importance of visitors feeling welcome at UUCOV. There needs to be two people working the Welcome Table at all times, with one person in front of the Table, greeting and making sure visitors stop to talk with the person behind the Table.

Rev. Amy emphasized the need for a place to sit and talk with visitors after the service. The grounds committee needs to get involved in securing outside seating.

Team Reports:

Kathy wanted to clarify whether Thom’s A/V Team is responsible for technology in Waters Hall and Asta Linder House. Rev. Amy responded that if there is anything being done technology-wise anywhere on campus, the A/V Team needs to be made aware of it, and if there is technology training that Thom needs or wants, he should ask Rev. Amy.

Google Drive was discussed. Kathy will offer a training on it.

Rev. Amy discussed the UUCOV Boutique. It will be unveiled at the auction. It can be previewed at: uucovboutique.com password: DippyCat

It was mentioned that we will become more involved with the Venice Interfaith Community Association, now that we will have three members on their Board.

We need to make sure newcomers are aware of the history of UUCOV. Our 25th anniversary is coming up in November of 2023.

Joel clarified, as stated in his Fiscal Team report, that paying back to the Futures Fund \$10,000 per year for ten years is being done, per the request of the anonymous donor who paid off our Sanctuary mortgage.

Pam would like to bring Peter Mayer to UUCOV in January or February of 2024. We should be able to make a profit from the concert.

Events suggested were: a Human Library; a history of Venice by Steve Batchelor; a talk by Corky Dalton of the Venice Beautification team; a Kirtan chanting group.

Kathy discussed the upcoming Volunteer Job Fair. For the food, we could make crockpots of chili. We need tables and chairs scattered around. We need a signup table for the Music committee, the grounds committee, and the Coffee Hour committee.

Pam reminded us that we need to provide End-Of-Year Team reports to the Board, as well as who the Board needs to acknowledge.

Judy reported on news releases she is sending to the Venice Gondolier and Venice MainStreet about the Art Auction. She, along with Jackie Wides and Salli, are working to make the monthly Connection more user-friendly. We need to survey the congregation after a few months to see how they feel about the changes.

Judy would like to update our rack card for the Chamber of Commerce, to hand out to visitors, etc. Rev. Amy will help her with information to include.

Judy's homeowners' association annual meeting will be held in the Sanctuary on January 18th.

All agreed that we need a lot of help to prepare the Sanctuary for the January 20th Art Auction, as well people to break down tables and reset chairs afterward. Judy brought up the use of a sandwich board to remind people of upcoming events. We do have one somewhere.

Rev. Amy will lead a discussion on the 8th Principle/Article 2 Study Commission this Friday, January 6th at 3 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

The meeting concluded at 11:15 a.m. Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 7th at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Leapley