

UUCOV
Coordinating Council

Minutes May 2, 2023

Present: Kathy Avery, Linda Underwood, Thom Reeves, Pam Palmer, Brad Hardin, Anne Harrison, Barb Gundy, Amy Petrie Shaw, Joel Morrison, Bill Dowling Guest: Jean Sibbers

Opening Words

Check In

Old Business:

- Thank you to Kindra. Did that go out last month??
- UUCOV 25th Anniversary- Committee formed. Pam Palmer, Moe Morrison, Serena Cannarelli and Judy Houston have formed a celebration planning committee.
- Wish List: New Policy and Procedure written and submitted to the board. Waiting for response. New wish list submissions were reviewed.
 - Signage- Entrance, passed
 - Signage- Corner of Pinebrook and Edmonson, passed
 - Patio off, passed previously with a request for a landscape architect plan prior to further action.
 - Sliding Accordion Shutters for the Sanctuary, passed.
 - Paved Parking spot for handicapped for Waters Hall - passed

Discussion on implementation of the Wish List Process. Needs a coordinator and good publicity. A graphic tree with wish list leaves was discussed. Kathy Avery has some good ideas for this.

New Business:

- Goals for each Team. Board Goals are awaited and the Teams will support the Board goals. Teams will have Team goals also.
- Long Range Planning Report will be forthcoming in a couple months.
- Store Update: UUCOV Store is about to be launched so that the world can purchase our products. Prior to the opening of the store an announcement will be sent to the congregation.
- Bringing in new members is important. All Teams have a stake in this. One suggestion was a colorful key fob to stimulate discussion with friends. Racine, Wisconsin UU Congregation is using this idea. Any other ideas?
- Treasurer: Ken has announced he will not be continuing as Treasurer when his term is over. The role of Treasurer should be relooked at. Finance Committee will be reviewing this and a plan will be forthcoming.

Team Topics:

- **Technology** – Needs summer volunteers
- **Campus** - Pump House is about done. Painting to be ready for the summer. Irrigation system to be installed for the new Green Sanctuary Edible Garden.
- **Communication** Linda Underwood attended in Judy Houston's absence. She sought approval for an article about the Laurel Civic Association's Hand Up Program that will be sent to the local newspapers and will be submitted to the UUA Southern District and to the UUA Magazine. All agreed it should be shared. Rev. Amy suggested some version that could assist other congregations in such an endeavor.
- **Membership**- Membership Team needs a clear idea of Teams and Leaders so they can complete the Overview of UUCOV. Anne will request update from Board and asks this be on the agenda for June CC.
- **Social Justice** has a new Chair, Brad Hardin. Brad suggests something we can all do is to learn how to communicate with others. Brad suggested getting together with our counterparts in other congregations to share ideas.
- **Sunday Morning** - How to fill the pulpit during the summer? Discussion on a variety of options – guest minister, member, video, live Zoom, closure. No closures was agreed upon. Variety of opinions.

An upcoming Sunday Service will be led by the children and one child has asked for a donation to Easterseals. CC felt a second donation plate should be passed rather than using the regular donation plate for a charity outside of our charities that have been voted on.

Submitted by L. Underwood, May 2, 2023

Addendum:

Due to time constraints the Fiscal Team Report was not shared during the meeting. Joel submits the following –

- Don Courtsal resigned as chair of the Finance Committee. Jack Head has appointed John Spitzer to replace him.
- The committee is working on policies for the operation fund, the reserve fund, the futures fund, and the endowment fund (and possibly another fund). We are moving all monies from GCCF to other investment vehicles.
- In March at the Annual meeting, we voted to elevate the Finance Committee, to a Standing Committee status. Does that remove the Fiscal committee from the C.C.? The only other standing committees are the nominating committee and the By-Laws Committee. If so, how does this shake out? Something to think about.