

Minutes of Coordinating Council Meeting

June 6, 2023

Meeting began at 9:30 a.m.

In attendance:

Bill Dowling	Thom Reeves	Annie Harrison	Judy Houston	Eileen Leapley
Kathy Avery	Steve Leapley	Barb Gundy	Rev. Amy Petrie Shaw	

Chalice lighting, opening words, check in were skipped in the interest of time, as Steve has to leave early for a medical appointment.

Scheduling of events around IVMS schedule was discussed. School is out until the beginning of August. IVMS has been cooperative in emailing Steve and Salli well in advance of their events and they are put on our calendar, so perhaps we need to schedule our events around theirs.

Speed bumps were discussed. It is often late parents who speed through our driveway to get into IVMS. IVMS purchased two sets of moveable speed bumps. Discussion was held about where to place them, and if they were necessary. Steve will bring it to our Board of Trustees.

Church-only parking signs were discussed. The reason for needing them is mainly because UUCOV doesn't carry insurance for anyone injured while parking on our property other than our congregation. Rev. Amy suggested that we ask IVMS to add a rider on to their insurance to cover their personnel and guests if an injury occurs on our property. According to Steve, this had been included in the easement issue, but now that the easement issue has been delayed, Rev. Amy suggested that the parking/insurance issue be separated from the easement issue for now.

Discussion was held about IVMS constructing and using a road on the west side of our property, instead of using our driveway. This had been investigated several years ago, but was dropped. Rev. Amy said she would begin looking for any major grants through UUA to build a road for IVMS to use.

IVMS had agreed to pay half of the price of the church-only parking signs, but Steve will put a hold on the signs for now, pending resolution of the insurance issue.

Discussion was held about Steve's plan for mailing out a financial information letter to the congregation. It was decided that this kind of letter needs to come from Stewardship and Finance. It can't come from the Coordinating Council or the Board. Judy Houston offered to help edit the draft of the letter.

Discussion was held regarding other ways we can make the congregation more aware of our financial situation. Rich Cannarelli will be attending the new member Pathways classes, where he will discuss pledging and stewardship.

Bill Dowling and Steve are getting bids for hurricane shutters and roofing of the Sanctuary. Discussion was held regarding the various ways to handle hurricane damage, insurance, whether we should leave everything alone vs we should hurricane-harden the Sanctuary only to have insurance drop us anyway.

Steve had to leave the meeting, so the business of whether we should have a July or August meeting was discussed. It was decided to have a July meeting, but on the second Tuesday, which is July 11th. There will be no August meeting. Steve exited the meeting.

Annie discussed Membership. The Membership Team had created a Leadership Directory and a Visitors Welcome sheet, which Annie now will work on over the summer and get ready to publish by September, once the UUCOV email addresses for leadership and staff are completed.

Rev. Amy raised the issue of longtime pledging friends having no voice – or vote – at UUCOV. We should come up with a way that we can get them somehow “joined up” and able to vote, especially since our Minister Search vote can only involve voting members. Annie offered, as chair of Membership, to reach out to longtime pledging friends, invite them to a Pathways class in October, and work with the membership team to find a way to explain what they are missing out on by not being voting members.

Bill raised the issue of the lanai not being visually appealing. It was mentioned that a while back, Moe Morison and Marcia Smith were working on getting the lanai cleaned up. Perhaps they could be approached to work on it again.

Annie noted that, since so many teams’ areas of interest intersect, teams should have a set of goals that we are all working on together.

Annie offered to coordinate a Zoom call with Marcia, Moe, Bill, and whomever else is interested in cleaning up of the lanai and making it more visually appealing, including a new credenza for a signup table.

Kathy noted that she will restructure the Sanctuary for the summer, decreasing the chairs and eliminating the back row.

Discussion was held regarding the donation and planting of a Kapok tree by Monty Andrews. All agreed that the Kapok tree should be planted by Monty, approximately 25 to 30 feet from the electronic sign, to allow for any possible future construction.

Judy gave her Communications report. She reported that Jackie Wides is working on a proposal to the UUA for grant funds for training.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m. Next meeting, Tuesday, July 11th, 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Eileen Leapley

