

Coordinating Council Meeting
July 11, 2023

Meeting began at 9:40 a.m.

In Attendance:

Steve Leapley	Annie Harrison	Pamela Palmer	Marcia Smith
Barb Gundy	John Spitzer	Kathy Avery	Joel Morrison
Judy Houston	Rev. Amy Petrie Shaw	Bill Dowling	Thom Reeves
Eileen Leapley			

Chalice was lit; opening words were spoken by Rev. Amy.

Discussion was held regarding Social Justice's Banned Book event on the UUCOV property, tentatively scheduled for February. All agreed that the event should proceed, with one or more Venice police officers in attendance. As there will be multiple organizations involved in organizing the event, the cost of hiring officers can be split among them.

The question was raised whether weapons can be barred from the campus by attendees during the event. Steve thinks that as a church, we can bar weapons from our campus, but he will check into it.

Discussion of the 25th Anniversary celebration was tabled until the committee gives their report.

Discussion was held regarding Blue Lotus's interest in leasing Asta Linder House for five years. It was decided that the yet-to-be-formed Campus Utilization Team should investigate how much UUCOV uses Asta Linder, what type of signage would be planned, what renovations would need to be done, etc.

The Wish List was discussed. Joel noted that there is a subcommittee of the finance committee that is looking at the Wish List for possible use in future donation plans for UUCOV.

Discussion was held regarding the G.A. banners. Marcia proposed placing the banners on either side of the chancel. She showed a photo of what it will look like. All agreed that the banners will look beautiful. The Memorial Book will need to be moved to a location where it can be easily viewed.

Discussion was held regarding who should be in charge of reviewing the Membership rolls, and deleting inactive members when appropriate. It was noted that, per the June BOT minutes, the Membership Team is in control of this task.

Judy wanted to be certain that before the Banned Book event is held, the fireant problem will be dealt with.

The Owl device that Pam used at another meeting was discussed, along with discussion of our problems using Zoom. The Owl device focuses on a speaker when they talk during a Zoom meeting, enabling the speaker to be clearly seen and heard. Kathy talked with Nathan, our IT person, and he confirmed we are currently having Internet issues. Thom agreed to investigate the Owl device, to see whether it would be worthwhile to purchase one for UUCOV meetings. The cost is approximately \$1,000.

Marcia reported on improving the aesthetics of the lanai. Uniform, attractive signage, a new credenza for the signup table, a small table between the signup and welcome table, upgraded trash and recycling bins, and more are planned. All agreed that these improvements are sorely needed.

The Lost and Found area has been moved to Waters Hall. Steve will ask Salli to put a note in the August Connection, and Kathy will post it in the Order of Service once a month.

As Jackie Wides has stopped producing the Order of Service for the summer, and people seem to miss receiving it, Kathy offered to take on the job.

Rev. Amy noted that she is on vacation after this Sunday until the end of August. In an emergency she can be reached by text or phone call.

Pam reported that she is organizing a Thanksgiving dinner at a restaurant.

Meeting ended at 10:46 a.m. There will be no meeting in August.

Respectfully submitted,
Eileen Leapley