

## Minutes of Coordinating Council Meeting

October 1, 2024

In attendance:

Judy Houston Marcia Smith Joel Morrison Rev. Amy Petrie Shaw Eileen Leapley

Meeting began at 9:35 a.m.

Chalice was lit, opening words spoken by Marcia.

Marcia reviewed our four UUCOV goals for this year:

- to achieve 200 members/friends by April 2025
- to develop new sources of dependable income
- to develop UUCOV-centric Social Justice opportunities.
- to develop a strategic staffing and leadership development plan

Social events that have been scheduled were discussed. Rev. Dennis McCarty will present his one-man show on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Amy will see whether she can schedule a Sunday with Dennis for him to lead a service.

Valentine's Day potluck is scheduled at Maxine Barritt Park on Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>. We need to check with Bill Colagrande to find out if any others have been scheduled. We need to be on the lookout for people to co-chair with Bill, or to take it over from him.

Revival of social event ideas were discussed. Should we bring back our Thanksgiving dinner, a talent show, a trivia night? These events will all require people to organize them. Ayleen Howe has expressed interest in coming up with events, but she will need many volunteers to step up and work with her.

Joel asked if any more progress has been made on the auction. Wayne Loosigian continues to work on it, along with various committee members.

Rev. Amy reported that the first Social Justice Florida Suncoast meeting is coming up soon. Brad Hardin is heading up the "Write Here Write Now" project.

Judy discussed what the Communications Team has advertised in previous years. She would like to see non-partisan, non-religious events held, to encourage the community to attend, and perhaps to join us. Judy will put together a list of types of speakers we might want to schedule again, such as a tax expert and a person with knowledge of the various independent/assisted living facilities in the area.

Discussion was held about starting an adult lecture series. Donna Jewett will no doubt have connections to people who can teach us about Florida-friendly gardening.

Do we play to our strengths, that is, to newly retired older people, or should we try to attract young families?

Three concert fundraisers have been scheduled so far: James Hawkins and David Fowler, Passerine, and Priscilla Fullerton. Can we think of any other possibilities? Rev. Amy has a possible singer in mind. Eddie may have some musician connections. The Vero Beach U.U. church has a concert hall; they may have some entertainers that we can book.

Marcia presented us with a landscape design that was submitted by Todd Foster, a local landscape designer. It encompasses the seating area and the Garden of Remembrance. The Lynch family is very supportive of anything we want to do around the Lynch Memorial Wall, as long as it doesn't change the actual wall.

We need to revitalize the promotion of presales of our Memorial Wall plaques.

AEDs are being installed today. Training will begin in the near future.

Joel reminded us that our budgets for 2025-2026 will be due in November, so each team needs to be thinking of our budgetary needs now, and submit them to Tom Hartley, treasurer.

Marcia discussed the status of our choir. They are working on a team approach, to have rotating directors – Marcia Smith, Jan Simon, Lise Frank, and Nancy Zarowin.

Ayleen is working on creating a mid-month UUCOV newsletter.

We need to make sure UUCOV wins the Voter Challenge. When you vote, put an "I voted" sticker by your initials on the chart on the lanai that was created by Jean Barlow.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 5, at 9:30 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eileen Leapley