

## **Minutes of Coordinating Council Meeting**

**April 1, 2025**

In attendance:

Rev. Amy Petrie Shaw	Marcia Smith	Bill Dowling	Joel Morrison
Annie Harrison	Brad Hardin	Donna Jewett	Eileen Leapley

Meeting began at 9:30 a.m. Chalice was lit, opening words were spoken by Rev. Amy.

Reports from Teams:

Membership: Annie would like to cancel the upcoming Pathways, as only one person has signed up to attend. Rev. Amy will welcome the most recent new members at a service in the near future.

Fiscal: Joel said he is confident that we will break even for the fiscal year. He is hoping to get another woman on the fiscal team.

Marcia discussed the new Event form that people will need to fill out online whenever they want to schedule an event. They should not print the form out; rather, they should fill it in line and send it to Ayleen.

Marcia discussed the Spotlight schedule. Upcoming are the Social Justice, Fiscal, and A/V Teams.

“To applaud or not to applaud” was discussed. All agreed that there is no one right answer. Rev. Amy said that we should all talk to people and get a feel for their various opinions. It should be a personal choice. Rev. Amy will mention from the pulpit that when a subject feels more “sacred,” that we should not applaud.

The upcoming final concert fundraiser was discussed. Marcia encouraged us all to attend, and to invite all our friends.

Marcia updated us on the landscaping design. It’s almost done, and is beautiful.

A new temporary assistant for Ayleen has been hired. A proposed programming director position will be considered in the fall.

Jean Spitzer has volunteered to be our new pulpit scheduler, replacing Dave Lyon who is stepping down.

Regarding digging of a well, we learned that we cannot dig a well, because it would be located too near the water reclamation line. Possible other solutions were discussed: Should we tap into the water reclamation line? Should we bring in a water truck when needed?

Marcia discussed the easement issue. She, Steve Leapley, and John Spitzer met with our new attorney. He thinks we are in a good position to get a better resolution to the problem.

Annie asked what the best resolution to the easement problem would be. A road built on the west side of our property would be ideal, but it would be cost prohibitive.

Sally Erb is our new Communications Team Leader. If you would like to advertise anything internally, call Sally. To advertise externally, call Ayleen.

Donna discussed the importance of Meatless Monday as a way to attract members of the community. Marcia said Ayleen can advertise it on social media. Donna is searching for someone to head up Meatless Monday; if you know of someone, please let Donna know.

Marcia will work on beautifying Waters Hall over the summer. Rev. Amy will work on adding items to the online store.

Brad discussed the periodic Venice Avenue cleanup that UUCOV congregants have been doing for several years. He is looking for someone to take it over. Bill knows someone who may agree to head it up.

Meeting ended at 10:20 a.m. Next meeting is Tuesday, May 6th, at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by  
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