

Minutes of Coordinating Council Meeting

January 6, 2026

In Attendance:

Olga Hebert	Steve Leapley	Rev. Amy Petrie Shaw	Thom Reeves
Jean Barlow	John Spitzer	Annie Harrison	Marcia Smith
Joel Morrison	Anna Drallios	Sally Erb	Eileen Leapley

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

Agenda Item #1 - Steve discussed the fence that's falling apart on Pinebrook and Edmondson Roads. He and Bill Dowling have determined that the fence needs to be removed. He'd like to put together a work crew of 15 or 20 people. A dumpster will need to be rented at \$435. All agreed that the fence should be removed, without being replaced.

Steve noted that a letter was sent to the Board regarding renovation of the kitchen and lanai area of Waters Hall. This could be a Wish List item. The Board will discuss it at their upcoming meeting. Marcia mentioned that she has a contractor in mind if the Board decides to go ahead with it.

Steve discussed the matter of security on the north side of the Sanctuary. He thinks our best bet would be to purchase 25 medium-sized boulders, which would cost approximately \$4,000, with an additional \$10 each to have them placed. An alternate plan would be to purchase three cement tables, at \$715 per table. Marcia asked that we consider these options, and continue the discussion next month.

Agenda Item #2 – The Chamber of Commerce Non-Profit Fair was discussed. UUCOV is signed up for it. We will bring our own tent, table, chairs, and banner. We need a new banner; Rev. Amy has a contact with a banner company. She will order one. The Social Justice Alliance could use part of our table. The UUCOV Social Justice Team will also attend. Annie will secure volunteers.

Agenda Item #3 – The date of our Annual Meeting will most likely be changed to Sunday March 29th after the service, as the original date conflicts with the Saving Our Democracy event.

Agenda Item #4 - Each year, the teams are asked to set goals. Marcia would like to meet with each Team Leader to discuss their successes and challenges.

Agenda Item #5 – There will be a change in deadline for the Team annual reports this year. They will be due by April 4th, a week after the Annual Meeting.

Agenda Item #6 – The Checkpoint Program was discussed. Marcia handed out a brief paragraph of what each Team Leader sent to her. Annie asked for clarity on the purpose of the Checkpoint event. Rev. Amy thinks it should be for the new people, to let them know what each team does and how they can get involved. A separate event could be presented once a year, a fun event involving everyone in the congregation, members, friends, and visitors.

Annie sent an invitation to 36 of our newer people. Rev. Amy will announce the event from the pulpit on Sunday, and mention that if anyone else is ready to get involved, they are welcome to sit in.

It's important that if we notice anyone who has been attending regularly, but hasn't been getting involved in anything, we need to make an effort to get them involved.

Annie would like the front row seats turned around after the service, for the Team Leaders to sit. She'd like Rev. Amy to introduce the program. Each Team Leader will bring a signup sheet, and invite people to come and talk to them after the program. Thom strongly recommended microphones. Sally reminded all that she needs to know of any event in advance, so she can arrange publicity.

This Sunday is also New Member Sunday. Ten new members will be introduced. Thom will prepare a slide with the first names of each new member.

Annie will send the Team Leaders a list of the new members. Sally will take photos for Breeze. All have high hopes for a successful event.

It was noted that the Board of Trustees has permanently moved their meeting to the third Thursday of each month. Marcia noted that the Coordinating Council may want to move their meeting day as well.

New Business:

John Spitzer noted that the Annual Giving campaign is taking shape. Announcements will start in February, with envelopes being mailed out to all members.

Shareholder meetings were discussed. There will be three meetings, two weeks apart, on Sundays after service, on February 8th, February 22nd, and March 8th.

Jean mentioned the prospect of the Venice Musicale changing its rental fee from \$75 per session to \$50 per session, plus a fundraiser to benefit UUCOV in the spring.

Annie raised the idea of having a separate book for Friends to sign, instead of just the Membership book. Rev. Amy would like to manage the Friends group independently of the Members. She thinks people should not be able to chair a committee, or join the Finance committee, unless they are a member.

Meeting ended at 10:45 a.m. Next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 3rd, at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Eileen Leapley