Coordinating Council Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2026

In attendance:
Bill Reynolds Annie Harrison John Spitzer
Sally Watts Rev. Dr. Amy Petrie Shaw
Drew Stuart Steve Leapley Eileen Leapley Sally Erb

The meeting began at 9:31 a.m.
Chalice was lit; words were spoken by Rev. Amy.

Sally Watts was introduced as our new Director of Education and Engagement. Each team member introduced themselves. Sally is very excited to work with us in her capacity as DEE.

Periodic updates of UUCOV partner donations - John noted that we will start to include in the Sunday bulletins the total amounts that have been donated to our monthly charities.

Lanai collections were also discussed, which are separate from the monthly charitable donations. Janet Knudsen oversees the lanai collections.

Sennes Design Build report - This report, concerning the improvements to Waters Hall, will be coming out within weeks. Most of the work will actually be done in the summer of 2027, when the building is not used as much as during the high season.

Campus Planning Committee - Bill noted that the committee's intent is to come up with a plan that will work for UUCOV for the next 25 years. He mentioned the various ideas that are being discussed, how the needs of the church have changed, and how they will continue to change. We need to anticipate these changing needs.

Bill noted that, while any potential construction will not likely occur for about two years, decisions on what the future campus will look like is expected by the end of the current fiscal year in March, after extensive discussions with stakeholders, including the Coordinating Council, Board of Trustees, information sessions with the Congregation and the various high interest groups within it. After all of this vetting, and giving careful consideration to the input received and the fiscal feasibility of the project, a decision will be made.

The possibility was discussed of renting space somewhere nearby, such as Naar Hall, or IVMS, if we should run out of our own space.

Discussion was held about our numbers. We've been gaining members, but we also seem to lose the same amount, so we are not actually growing. We have new visitors each Sunday, but not many of them express an interest in signing the membership book.

Discussion was held about the daily senior check-in program. Concern was raised about any potential liability to UUCOV. Rev. Amy and Eileen will meet and discuss the pros and cons of such a program.

Annie noted that a new member has recently signed the book, and the C.C. had previously agreed that one team leader would make sure new members were welcomed individually and encouraged to attend an event or two that interests them. Annie noted that this person already knows several congregants, so it's not necessary to “assign” her to someone.

Steve reported on several campus problems. He is following up on our solar panel problem, as well as our reclaimed water problem. He noted that our electronic sign has not been changed in a while. Bill reported that the computer software that runs the sign isn't working. We need a new laptop to run the program. We also need someone from the sign company to come out and retrain someone. It was decided to purchase a dedicated laptop to be used for the sign, and Sally Watts will be trained in how to use it.
Sally Erb noted that she thinks the Communications Team should be involved in the training. All agreed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 3rd, 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Eileen Leapley