Coordinating Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 1, 2026

In Attendance:

Marcia Smith	Sally Erb	Thom Reeves		
Olga Hebert	Bill Reynolds	Steve Leapley		
Pat Wellington	Drew Stuart	John Spitzer	Annie Harrison	Eileen Leapley

Meeting began at 9:30 a.m.
Chalice was lit.

It was noted that Phil Veach and Steve Batchelor do an outstanding job of caring for several members of our congregation.

Campus Matters:
Steve Leapley reported that a trip hazard on the area in front of the lanai was corrected.

He noted that there are four 10-foot sabal palms on campus which have been trimmed several times, but they keep regrowing and continue to cause a problem with our solar panels on the sanctuary. Rather than continue to trim them back, he will talk to Adam of ACI Land about removing them.

Steve discussed the need for mulch in all the garden areas, as well as along the east side of Waters Hall, which will probably need about 10 bags. Addition of mulch has been overdue for more than a year. He will get prices from several companies, but will probably go with SAMA, as they have done a good job for us at a reasonable price in the past.

Funds from the Lynch Garden account can pay for the mulch on all but the east side of Waters Hall.

Steve would like to again start using SAMA for the irrigation. The other company we've been using is hard to reach and charges us each time they come, while SAMA only charges for parts.

Re: the drain plug problem in the Minister's house, ABC Heating and Air will now come four times per year to all of the buildings. The price will increase from $1500 per year to $3200 per year, but it's necessary to keep the drains from plugging up and causing damage again.

Re: the front bathroom in the Sanctuary, one sink is not working. Steve will order a new faucet, and will have a plumber install it.

Marcia noted that Lise Frank will be staying in Colombia with her husband for the foreseeable future. The C.C. members all wished Lise and her husband well. Michael Amos will be our choir director starting in the fall.

Campus Planning Discussions Update:
Marcia reported that a contract has been signed with Sennes Design Build. Several questions are still being discussed, among them:
How far do we want to go with updating one bathroom; should we provide reasonable accessibility? ADA requirements are quite arduous.

Marcia noted that the committee has arrived at a good plan for the kitchen, and the western road has been ruled out.

Nick Sennes will do a study on proposed renovations in the next few weeks.

Daily Senior Check-In Program:
Eileen reported that a congregant came to her with a request for a program where people will do a daily check of single folks who live alone. This could be a phone call or text to the singles. After discussion, it was recommended that Eileen put a paragraph in the October Connection announcing the program, and also email the Caring Team volunteers describing the program and asking for volunteers to do the calling and/or texting.

The “Mentor” program was again discussed. New members have been called and followed up. One new member joined recently, and Bill Reynolds has already reached out to him. We'll make sure that any future new members will be contacted and followed up on.

Pollinator Garden Naming/Sunday morning slides:
Olga reported that Kim McHugh would like to name our pollinator garden the Marty King Memorial Garden, since Marty was passionate about butterflies and other pollinators. Olga and the Gardening Committee will work on this when Kim and others return.

Olga would like PowerPoint slides put up for the Gardening Committee. Peggy Titus-Hall has volunteered to create slides. Thom said he and Barb Gundy will put them up.

Sally noted that she would like to see a photo of the person in charge of the event on the slides. All agreed this was a good idea; Thom will work on getting photos.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 a.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Eileen Leapley