

Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation
PROGRAM COUNCIL

July 19, 2011

Summary

Present: *Mikel Young (Stewardship), Barry Zickuhr (Committee on Ministry); Evelyn Greenberg (Community Building); Michelle Hendrickson (Communications Cluster); Lorrie Eaton (Worship Cluster); Douglas Mackey (Social Justice Cluster); Jim Lengenfelder (Space Resources Cluster); Linda Crabtree (Congregation & Membership Cluster); Melanie Ransom (Canvass), Ann Yeo (Board), Curtis Tanner (Board), Dave Verbon (Addictions Ministry), Harmon Eaton (Space), Wim Verhoff (Bookkeeper), Leslie Romer (Green Sanctuary), Bonnie Guyer-Graham (Connections), Arthur Vaeni (Minister); Christine Parke (Chair); Sara Lewis, R.E. Director; Darlene Sarkela, Church Administrator,*

After opening words and check-in, the group approved the summary of the May 17, 2011, meeting as distributed.

Addictions Ministry Committee: Dave Verbon described the history and anticipated work plan for this new committee. They will begin operations at the end of October.

Budget: Most committee budget requests have been submitted. Some have been submitted directly to Pam Davidson; this meeting's document does not reflect the whole picture.

At this stage, Program Council can identify needs and make a case for a committees that need more funds, or new committees. Next step is compilation by Pam and review by Finance committee. This goes to Board and Executive Team, and after negotiations with Finance, goes to Canvass Committee as their target for the canvass. When canvass is completed, the final budget, based on requests and final pledged amount, is negotiated by Board and Executive Team.

It was noted that until final adoption, the budget requests may change. Program Council will be asked to review and comment on budget request until its final determination.

It was noted that Space Committee is spending capitol funds that are not reflected in the budget or regular reports from OUUC's bookkeeper. Wim will compile and distribute a report of space expenditures to date.

Camp Quixote: Chris reviewed work to date on CQ. It will move to OUUC from September 1 until late December. Terry Zander and Rick Brandt-Kreutz will be OUUC liaisons to CQ. Board discussed placement of CQ, and decided it will be in one-half of parking lot.

In the past, the congregation has given a special offering that has covered increased costs from hosting CQ. Some of those expenses include: power, clean-up at end of hosting, if necessary, trash disposal. We will not have any extra insurance costs for hosting the camp.

There already exist two outside power sources for the camps use, as well as water. Bill will be asked to monitor trash disposal and ask Darlene to order more capacity, if needed. The camp will bring their own sani-cans. Church showers will be made available 11-4 Monday through Thursday, when Darlene is in the building. CQ have their own kitchen facilities, and will not use OUUC kitchen.

There is a question about gray water disposal, although this has not been an issue in the past. We need a City of Olympia permit to host the camp. Terry Zander will arrange for necessary permits from the city.

Social Justice will arrange for people to help move CQ to OUUC, as well as provide lunch and dinner the day of their move. SJ will also recruit hosts and organize Sunday night dinners, as was done before.

It was noted that parking is going to be more difficult with only one-half of our current capacity. Many suggestions were made, including more carpool Sundays, off-site parking, more visible visitor signs, a parking attendant to help direct people, especially newcomers, a valet to park cars for people with disabilities. Jim Lengenfelder volunteered to help take on this task. Evelyn Greenberg volunteered to write up the objectives and duties involved in addressing this issue. Curtiss noted this is an opportunity to highlight our mission to end poverty, and (I think) volunteered to create a banner that explains why we host CQ.

Later in the meeting it was suggested to change the time of services, to make it possible for people to take the bus form downtown.

We are required to have a neighborhood meeting in August, after receiving our city permit. The Neighbor Relations Committee needs additional members. Donna Killelea and Jill Severn have volunteered to be on that committee. Arthur and Kelly Thompson attended a neighborhood meeting, but unfortunately it was the Burbank Association. It was discovered that we are in the Cooper Point association.

Ann Yeo and Curtis Tanner volunteered to help with communications. Ann has already written an article from the Board about hosting CQ. Curtiss will post a FAQ about CQ on the website.

Terry noted that on August 21 and September there will be tabling events in the commons to introduce CQ, sign up hosts, and sign up volunteers for Sunday night dinners.

Social Justice: Committee is updating what projects they are doing and deciding how OUUC SJ will take on new social justice projects.

Terry Zander asked the Council about the possibility of a carnival/program fair in early spring. Committees would come up with a carnival activity as a fun way to introduce congregants and new members to committee activities. Terry will check with Darlene about a good time on the calendar. One suggestion was Sunday, November 6, just prior to newcomers' potluck. Cluster representatives should ask committee chairs about this.

Space Committee –Harmon presented the plans to date, complete with drawings. Much work has been accomplished in a very short time, too detailed to include here. Committee will communicate with congregation through blog, Unitariana articles, and will be in commons to talk during August. There are still no cost estimates. Harmon noted that a transition team is needed soon.

Capitol campaign and stewardship –Melanie reported that October is the big month to kick off these campaigns, which will be pursued jointly. People will be invited to home parties after the October 2 kickoff dinner. During September people will sign up for home parties, as well as volunteering for the Oct. 2.

People will be asked for pledges at the parties. Not everyone will attend a party, and will be contacted later one-on-one.

Informational update – Carol McKinley is new chair of Social Justice Committee and cluster representative.

Calendaring and announcements

- August 16 – scheduled Program Council meeting
- August 16-30 – Chosen Faith class
- October 2nd annual dinner. It was suggested to have a Program Fair at that dinner, with booths to describe committee purpose and function. Cluster reps should ask committees about it.
- October 8-9 or 23-24 - NW UU Activist Summit

Evaluation of meeting

- Draft minutes can be distributed immediately to committee chairs and others; pertinent points will be posted on blog.

Submitted (*thanks to great notes taken by Bonnie-Guyer-Graham*) by

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Chair