

UUCC Board of Trustees
December 7, 2022
6:30 pm

Attendees: *Andy Foskey, Judy Gallagher, Dylan Kussman, Farin Cloyd, Mandy Goheen, and Camille Mason.*

Opening Words/Chalice Lighting: Andy

"If I am not for myself, who will be for me? But if I am only for myself, who am I?" Hillel the Elder

Check-In

Read the [Board Covenant](#).

Consent Items: Because there wasn't a quorum, the minutes and reports will be voted on in January.

- Minutes
- Treasurer's Report :
- VP Reports
- Staff Reports

Updates:

UUCC Recent Visitors with Notebooks and Bibles.

One week with three men; this past week 2 young men. One of the men sent Mandy an email later in the day that were quite pointed and forceful on questioning UUCC beliefs. It's possible they are from the Apologetics Club at Lee University, but that isn't not confirmed. It's also possible they were recording the conversation. Mandy spoke to East Ridge Police. They offered to sit in the parking lot if needed. She's talking to other clergy to get some advice on handling the situation.

Idea to coordinate with Jewish Federation, and possibly other churches, to have a safety training. Also at Saturday's quarterly council meeting, show everyone where wasp spray and fire extinguishers are.

UU Merchandise

Visitor Bag idea was discussed. Have a mug, pen, and card for info...for them to bring back next time. If they come back and turn in the card, they get a pocket guide to UU.

Farin designed a new connection card to replace the current new visitor card.

Stickers for our regular red coffee cups.

T-shirts and candles for tabling. Launch it at the goods/services auction. Jody Chritton has offered to organize the auction.

Rainbow chalice on front, uucc.org on the bag.....

Black mugs with white chalice.
Candles...votive with "We carry the flame"

There are a bunch of old t-shirts to bring out at the quarterly council and give away.

Order of service is being redone a bit to be reusable, more economical.

Some discussion is happening about holding a Valentine's Ball.

Need some more PR for the Dec. holiday reading event. Farin will send to NoogaToday. She's already created a Facebook event.

Check Out

Closing words: Andy
"If not now, when?" Hillel the Elder

Opening/Closing words for January: Andy

January party: 1/14/23

Board Report - Congregational Life – Christian Horvath

12/05/2022

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ACTIVITIES

1st and 3rd Wednesday Coffee

- Numbers of participants have picked up – especially when Selina does a Sunday announcement beforehand and sends out the email reminder to all former participants

2nd and 4th Wednesday Dinner (Potluck)

- Wednesday Dinner was postponed from the 4th to the 5th Wednesday and combined with Mandy's idea of a White Elephant Gift exchange and celebration of her birthday. More than 20 people showed up.

UU Diners at home

- The 2nd UU Diner was a big success, again! (Tuesday, 11/15at Carrabas organized by Elaine Haddock)
- UU Diners should definitely continue. We should also find ways to invite more of the younger people. There is a great spirit at those dinners! Thank you, John and Lynna Ruth!

ATTENDANCE

Sunday Worship (11/20 through 12/4– 3 Sundays, vs 10/16 through 11/13– 5 Sundays)

- Total Attendance stayed at a promising level of 77 (81 in Oct/Nov).
 - In Person Attendance: 57 Adults (56) and 6 children (9)
 - Online Attendance: 14 (12)

December Board Report - Religious Growth

Sunday Morning RE

- Attendance is the same, better than start but plateaued
- Continuing one combined RE class

Multigen Services & Service Projects

- Festive sanctuary tree was decorated at November's service day
- December will not have a service project
- December will be a big deal multigen service with a winter holiday pageant

Special Events

- December is an event in and of itself, no further plans
- January will coordinate a movie night with Social Justice committee

- Annual Solstice Labyrinth is still happening but no longer sponsored by RE

Teen Group

- Taking a break for the holidays, with intent to start with better marketing in the spring

Dinners in Homes

- Not necessarily Religious Growth, but I'm doing it and excited about it
- Fall "round" went well but we learned some things that could work better
- Winter round will start in January, with signups on a defined schedule and better coordinated between in person and online

There's a visual prop to get attention for it. Thanks Marge!

DRE Board Report December 2022

- Attendance for nursery and combined elementary class average is about 14 kids
- Thanks to our RE volunteers for teaching
- Trying to hire one or two more nursery workers
- Collaboration with art on the walls to decorate the sanctuary in November
- We will have 2 multigenerational services in December
- Planned out the multigenerational services through July with Rev. Mandy

Administrator Board Report December 2022

- Working on new branding and materials for visitors/new members with Rev Mandy
 - New visitor cards, stickers, UUCC "swag"
- Assisting with preparation for holiday UUCC happenings (Labyrinth, Reading Night, etc.)
- Creating "donation stations" with Rev. Mandy to make giving easier
 - Ballot boxes w/ locks to collect pledges, contributions, visitor cards, etc.
 - QR code to give online
- Checking for interest in restarting the Communication Committee. Please send me any recommendations for folks you think might be interested!
- Continuing to follow up with new UUCC visitors and friends. Lots of new people attending service every Sunday!