Coordinating Team (CT) Minutes

April 26, 2017

Present: Rev. David Miller, Rev. Laura Horton-Ludwig, Pete Krone, Kathy Smerke Hochberg, Ministerial Intern McKinley Sims, Rich Sider

Guest: Joanne Schneider, Comptroller, for the budget discussion

The minutes from the 4/19/17 meeting were approved.

Unfinished Tasks (New tasks highlighted below.)

* No unfinished tasks.

Ministers’ Reports

* Rev. David Miller
  + Mentioned that the Lay Minister Council has been discussing possible new lay ministry roles.
  + Attended a second Communities of Trust meeting with Fairfax County officials.
  + Planning is underway for the white supremacy teach-in on May 7. More than 600 UU congregations are participating.
  + The Love is Love banner to place along Hunter Mill Rd has been ordered. It will be made available for congregants to see before it is put up.
* Rev. Laura Horton-Ludwig
  + The covenant group launch has been postponed to September due to team scheduling issues.
  + Will be officiating for Melody Hill’s memorial service on May 6.
* McKinley Sims
  + Working on arranging rides to UUCF for a couple of GMU students.
  + Coordinating planning, along with UUCF’s climate action group, for congregant participation in Saturday’s climate march.
  + Met with Home Stretch, a non-profit addressing housing transition and support in Fairfax County, to consider how they might be able to assist the refugee sponsorship program.

Old Business

Bequest – The CT reviewed a designated bequest and agreed not to accept it due to the conditions placed on the gift. **Rich will inform the Board of the CT’s decision.**

New Business

* Refugee sponsorship – The CT reviewed a report from Rod Paolini regarding possible options to consider after the initial one-year commitment endsand agreed it would be good to meet with the committee in June. **Rich will follow up to schedule.**
* Blood donation program question – Inova Blood Services has a new policy to not allow their bus to park in a fire lane and we can’t afford to give up parking spaces for this**.** Ken Foley is working on other options.
* The Transgender Education Association playgroup – A TGEA family playgroup will be meeting at UUCF monthly going forward.
* 2017-2018 revised budget – The CT reviewed and agreed on options to balance next year’s budget in light of the annual giving campaign results. Projected pledges total approximately $900,000, which is $55,000 less than the amount pledged last year. In addition, the coming year budget has to make up another $54,000 in other income included last year that won’t be available this year. The proposed budget cuts will be reviewed with the Financial Oversight Committee and the Board on May 2, after which the budget will be finalized for consideration at the Jun. 4 Annual Meeting.

Miscellaneous

The next meeting will May 3 at 1:30 p.m.

Prepared by Rich Sider