

Community Dialogue Minutes

April 28, 2019

Community Dialogue Meeting called to order at 11:58 a.m.

Review of Rules facilitated by Merle Wenger

Created Agenda:

- Communication to others 'outside' of HUU
- Sanctuary and communication with office
- Search for Consulting Minister
- Audio Visual Concerns

Gratitude/Appreciations

- Gratitude for work on Women's Bathroom – esp. Ryan Woolsey and Charlie Strickler
- Grateful for the care of the grounds. They are kept looking beautiful
- Gratitude that UU LGBTQ support, especially in light of the recent decisions made in the Methodist Denomination and among the Mormons. Volunteerism is fragile amidst these issues and profound gratitude was expressed for the UU principals and the welcoming spirit of HUU
- Gratitude for the music that Dee Black provides
- Gratitude for the CRE program
- Gratitude expressed for the building of relationships at HUU and the power of "inviting a stranger for dinner"
- Gratitude for the flowers and it was noted that they are "so enjoyed"

Updates/Announcements

The search for the Consulting Minister will enhance worship, pastoral care, and provide advice toward a vibrant future. The committee of Rich Sider, Pamela Beverage, and Linda Dove are narrowing the field of candidates. At this point, one person is being considered from a pool of 7 – 8 candidates. The process is going smoothly and there should be another update by June. It is hoped the person will be in place by Fall 2019. Current visiting ministers declined to be considered in the search process.

CLA Program after the service on May 19th "I am not your Negro"

Suggestions/Topics of Discussion

1. Outside communication – Jeff brought up several ideas and asked that a situation analysis be conducted with outlined objectives. He wanted some data on HUU impact to

the larger community and he also stated he would like to be involved in this project to investigate advertising (NPR, Billboard, etc.)

2. Sanctuary and Communication with Office –
Wonshe' brought up a concern that weekly updates need more specific information, so that she is not responsible for missing information or others assuming she has details.

Reminder that facilitators/expeditors make sure all doors are locked and the building secured.

3. Audio Visual Issues – Apparently some speakers have asked about HUU audio visual resources. The Worship Committee is taking this under advisement and is making some inroads to provide a way to project some parts of the service.

Questions/Wrap up

1. Window treatments do not seem to be working properly and there is a need to modify both the light in the room and the temperature during the summer.
2. Procedure regarding the establishment of a process to study communication. Board decides on follow-up to issues raised at a Community Dialogue meeting and visitors are welcome at any Board meeting. Vote cannot be taken at a Community Dialogue as a voting agenda needs to be sent to all members ahead of time for any congregational vote (per the bylaws)

Paula Bennet, PhD with edits by Jo Anne St. Clair and Board members