

The Program Council met via Zoom on Monday, June 12, 2023 at 3:00PM

After a reading from Tracy, Sue opened the floor to reports on progress on ideas branding ourselves as “The Place where....” * The charter naming the Meeting House as sponsor of the Chatham Boy Scout troops will be printed and presented to the Board of Trustees. A new family is very interested in being involved on all levels with the Cub Scouts. * There will be four UUs portrayed on the 4th of July on the front lawn. Refreshments will be for sale.

*Discussion was held on ongoing plans for the July program and sermon with Paul Raushenbush. He will speak on “Promise of democracy vs. religious intolerance” on July 5 from 5:30 to 6:45 PM and will preach at the Meeting House on July 23. Reservations are necessary for his talk, but there is no cost. Reservations can be made on the UUMH website.

* Jimmy Tingle event will require purchased tickets. His organization can handle ticket sales for the evening, or we can explore using EventBrite .

* Joe Jencks would like to combine a concert with a Sunday service for financial reasons. Worship will discuss this possibility – either at the Meeting House or elsewhere. (Joe and his group used to give concerts at the Cultural Center.)

* Workshop with Pancheta Peterson on Racism in the works. Pancheta envisions 3 2-hour workshops delving deeper into her sermon material. This will possibly make it necessary to repeat her sermon just before the workshop sessions. The workshop would be open to 10-12 people and would include discussion and readings.

Council then moved on to Committee Reports.

*Membership: Program Council chair and the two chairs of the committee will meet to put together a brochure or checklist of things a new member should know – a tour of the building, a copy of the Member Handbook, info on accessing the website and what it contains, asking about inclusion in online directory, etc.

* Pastoral Care: Program for the fall on Cycles of Life still being worked on.

*Social Activities: Branching Out is in hiatus until fall. A new chair is needed; suggestions/volunteers welcome!

*Music: Frank will play four Sundays this summer. Priscilla Smith will be there for the other Sundays.

Meeting closed at 4:20PM