

November 13, 2023

The Program Council met on Monday, November 13 at 3PM in the Fleck Room and on Zoom.

*Reports were received from the committees, and paper copies of same would be filed. There were no immediate questions about these reports.

*Discussion about the two bulletin boards. One will have a good sized space on one for Social Justice. Decision that any postings should be connected, in some way, to a member of the Meeting House or to an organization that we are part of, such as Nauset Interfaith

*Poinsettias will again be sold. The plants will be at the front of the church until Christmas Eve and then taken home by the purchasers. No details yet.

* Branching Out event for December being planned. Suggestions were the Red Nun in Dennis and the Squire. The gathering will be mid afternoon – daylight driving and places that have plenty of space, no reservations necessary.

*How to keep the front of the Meeting House attractive. A request for holiday ideas for the urns will go into the Eblast. We will check with B&G's about their involvement with the urns and the front of the Meeting House in general.

*Possible volunteer interested in facilitating MUUGS, though as a lunch gathering rather than breakfast.

*Use of iPad on Sunday mornings to keep close track of those on Zoom and chat with them if needed.

*Pumpkins in the Park got enthusiastic reviews and wishes for another year. Possible 2024 theme of Getting out the Vote.

*4th of July on the lawn. It was quite difficult to recruit volunteers to dress up as famous UUs, but the idea of selling food was definitely approved.

*Sunday coffee. There were no takers for taking over setting up coffee and getting helpers/food. We will continue with the current system for now.

*Worship Committee and Tracy have revamped the format of the Sunday service. People with announcements will be asked to give them to the Service Leader. The offering placement will change in December. There will be four formats for the service so that it is not always the same.

*Suggestion that groups visit other organizations to hear their programs, talk with them about speakers, see if we could be a source for each other. Ideas could be funneled through Worship.

*Restructuring ideas and discussion took up considerable time. Jon spoke of the Board's own discussions about restructuring the church itself. Governance issues are on the table as well. The consultant hired by the board is on hold at this time, but the Council's general feeling seems to be that we need a consultant badly; a consultant can look at us dispassionately and help with choices and plans. The Board and Council are separate entities with neither having any say over the other, but a restructuring needs everyone to be on the same page and looking at the whole.

Obviously more to come.