

INUUC Coordinating Circle meeting notes 09/6/2023

In attendance: Erin Fitzgerald, Stephanie Samson, Scott Fitzgerald, Linda Moulder, Sara Bauer, Marie Bjork, Frances Goodrow, Phyllis Thayer, Melody Holcomb, Rev. Crystal Zerfoss, Joyce Robinson, Lannie MacAndrea, Ann-Scott Ettinger

Check-in

Chalice Lighting – Erin

Special Guest – Marie Bjork reported that quarterly reports will be sent to each circle, any questions contact Marie at Treasure@INUUC.org. Any questions about filling out a request form contact her, and she will guide you thru it. Scott asked if Marie wants to be on the CC mailing list and she does.

Rev. Crystal – She reported that she is excited to join as many meetings as she can. Her hope is to see if there is anything she can do to help us with communication or anything she might be able to help us with.

How rounds work – Erin sent out a document that explained how rounds work in a previous e-mail. It was unanimously agreed to accept these ground rules.

Meeting times: - We will continue to meet the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm.

Leadership positions for this year: Positions open are Leader, Facilitator, Secretary, Delegate to Governing Circle. These position descriptions were all part of the package Erin sent to everyone on August 28th, 2023. Sara Bauer was selected as the Leader, Erin Fitzgerald was selected as the Facilitator, Stephanie Samson was selected as the Secretary and Lannie MacAndrea was selected as the Delegate to the Governing Circle.

Everyone in attendance said which circles they are serving on. Erin wants to make sure that all circles are represented at the coordinating circle meetings.

Erin asked if someone would write articles for the weekly newsletter – Frances volunteered to do this.

Governing Circle Report from Scott Fitzgerald – They are meeting on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Discussed what each members role is, becoming members of PJALS and the Faith Action Network, will be having a joint Governing Circle and Coordinating Circle retreat at the end of September. Rev. Crystal reported that on Saturday Rev. Sarah Shure from UUA regional office will join us and give recommendations on organization structure and other items. Erin asked who is going to attend both Friday and Saturday of the retreat. She also asked if members at this meeting cannot attend to find someone else on their circle to be in attendance. Scott mentioned that if anyone else in Leadership wants to attend, they are welcome.

Linda Moulder reported on the all-member workshop and how we can grow our congregation and be more welcoming. It will be held at Westminster on Saturday September 9th. Erin is going to present about being non-anxious and what skill sets are needed.

Frances wanted to talk about a fund raising circle.

Soul Weaving reported that we are meeting in September the 2nd and 4th Sundays. Starting in October we will meet the 1st and 3rd Sundays, we are considering finding another location to have Sunday services. October 1st service will be at Rockwood Community Center.

Lannie recommended that we use parts of General Assembly services to use in our Sunday Service. UU Connections will have a Town Hall in November to talk about what happens at GA and what you think is important about both GA and the UUA national events.

Candle Extinguishing – Erin

Respectfully submitted – Stephanie Samson

Next meeting – October 4th at 6:30 pm on Zoom