

OPERATIONS REPORT — SEPTEMBER 2023

SECURITY & PLANNING

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In April, I shared information provided by the UUA on safety policies and procedures to Michael Solomon and Rev. Bob for their consideration. Over the years, we have taken a number of steps to prepare and therefore prevent bad things from happening. One of the most significant was the purchase of the new front doors (\$9600), which can be locked to keep folks from coming in and still allow folks on the inside to get out in the event of fire. (If our old doors were locked, no one was getting in —OR out.) The most expensive was the installation of the fresh air exchange (\$17,000) to reduce the spread of Covid. I name these numbers to both reflect the congregations' capacity to support capital necessities and to frame the costs of commercial renovations.

Our second CPR/AED training is October 22, with 4 slots left. I am very thankful we can get this excellent training at no cost — if you had been intending to be one of those who help to keep someone from dying, don't waste a second letting me know so we can get you on the list.

The Safety Task Force, discovering the work that had been done previously in assessment by Dave Roberts, Joyce Henneberry and others, is likely going to be able to present implementation steps sooner, rather than later, since this previous group kept good notes!

SPACE USE

UUTC is currently hosting two outside groups (NAACP Education Committee & Rainbow Alliance), and an additional group uses our space and makes a donation each time. Twelve other personal growth groups meet throughout the month— some weekly, others monthly, and still others bimonthly. This is a tremendous increase, even from prior to the beginning of the pandemic. It reflects some “returning” leaders (like Jeanie & Hilly Bernard, Carol Flake, Earle Rabb) and a host of new leaders (Judith Moore, Don O'Dell, Krista Moore, etc.) We are creating more opportunities for community than at any time since I started my employment at UUTC (2015). Just thought you should know that.

Five of these groups use the Chalice House, which they prefer for the intimacy and privacy.

PROGRAMMING

This month UUTC's Quiet Meditation sponsored a guided, walking meditation collaboration with other groups around the globe called Walk For the World. Joanna Bliss and Judith Moore led this initiative, which involved at least 7 people from outside the congregation. The event was held in South Broad Park across from UUTC. People in 160 different countries participated in the event at 10am in whichever time zone they fell.

Challenging programming is our ability to provide for food for Wonderful Wednesdays. The importance of Ann Rabb to this initiative can't be treated lightly — we need to have a backup plan, and that team is working on this issue. As our kitchen is not able to be commercially licensed, we can't prepare food here on campus.

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FINANCIALS

Chelsea and I are meeting (zoom) with Jackie Toone, a UUA Retirement specialist, on October 3rd to work out what needs to be done to fix our retirement contributions and get salaried staff caught up.

I am providing you with a Statement of Activities report through Realm, which I will use to help you learn to read the new reporting form, which is similar, but not exactly the same as what Sue produced out of ACS.

FUNDRAISING

HalloweenFest is three months away, but the planning has begun in earnest. I have reached out to Shelly Webb — folks who would like to support Sharing House instead of getting an e-bike for themselves **will have the option to donate the bike to Wheels To Work** (if their ticket is pulled). We are also adding a “Dance Circle” to our tent activities to encourage folks to interact with our booth longer. We hope that these two innovations will help us exceed the budget revenues for the E-Bike Raffle.

However, what will BEST help, if you have a social media account, is for you to share the link when it comes out from UUTC to any Groups to which you belong on. We will share the link on Facebook and Instagram. The period for buying a ticket is being limited to two weeks, so that we will be doing less promotion (too much volume gets us in trouble with these Groups). Tickets may be purchased with cash or check on Souper Sunday.

In Covenant, RK