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**Program Council Minutes**

4-16-25 1:30-3 RE2 In person

We acknowledge that these waters, mountains, valleys and shorelines that we inhabit are the traditional territory of the S’Klallam and Chemakum peoples. We honor these indigenous people in history and those with us today and strive to counter the harm done due to colonization.

**Chalice Lighting**

We seek our place in the world and the answers to our hearts’ deep questions. As we seek, may our hearts be open to unexpected answers.

May the light of our chalice remind us that this is a community of warmth, of wisdom and welcoming of multiple truths. ~~Julianne Lepp

**Personal Check in:** Diane, Linda, Kathy, Karmen, David

**Council Updates**

**Community Council** – Deb is out of town. CC is sponsoring the Volunteer Appreciation Event scheduled for 5-5-25. Need to get invitation out. Sunday morning highlighting Hospitality & Kitchen Team.

**Growth and Learning** – ALSO highlighted Sunday morning in May. Need team members, especially tech. Tech can’t be on staff.

**SEJC** – 7th month of a week ofshelter dinners. Sanctuary Network being developed. April 22 meeting for congregation on Know Your Rights. Welcoming Congregation getting organized for Pride. Also looking at a Trans awareness webinar by Alex Kapitan’s group. Native Connection doing good work. Green Sanctuary has Eco Hero coming up.

**Spirit** – Cris Wilson is considering taking the Lead (but not until May). Tomorrow is meeting scheduled for Sunday Services Team development.

**Operations** –UU’re Home/Home stay: David will ask Patrick if there is any action on this. It would be under fundraising. Need date for evac drill. Linda and Jenell will decide. FOST annual report written by David and Operations Council.

**Organizational/Procedural**

* Leadership Assembly: Hoped to do 3 this year. We scheduled one for March, but thought we’d help publicize the Vision/Mission statements. But that team has their own schedule. April 27 will be new draft. We will wait to discuss the 2nd draft in May, and maybe inspire teams to give input. Kathy will send an email to Leads to pass on to teams about showing up for the April 27 meeting after the service.
* Community clean air and cooling center – need to determine if this is something we want to do, which Teams/Councils it relates to and where it will live. Staff is on board. Would be good to have a list of volunteer hosts if needed. Diane will get with Larry about responding.
* RAMP- Question about how we define volunteer hours. Include all the prep meeting time as part of the hours. And the actual event hours.
* Establishing new groups: Received form from Dances of Universal Peace. Need 2 members to join John Galm in responsibility. Once/month. Spiritual practice is the reason it is on Spirit Council.
* Recruiting Volunteers- Highlighting Teams Sunday morning.
* Annual Reports due May 9th.

**Upcoming Events:**

Leadership – April 27 review of 2nd draft of proposed Mission Statement.

Volunteer Appreciation – Monday, May 5th 5-6 ish

**Ongoing:**

* Volunteer Recruitment – Encourage your teams to reach out and engage folks to in Teams and Committees. See bulletin board in foyer.
* Job description documents and Charter reviews/updates, check web pages.
* Put the dates of major events on the QUUF Calendar.
* Send updated procedures to Jenell ONLY. She is keeping a file and will update periodically. Check to see what you or your teams have. Send her the documents.
* RAMP- Reports, Actions, Measurements and Plans – Purpose: to give the board information and metrics that will tell us how we are doing. It is data collection for future analysis. We need to track Data for events: attendance and volunteer hours.
* Follow up from our 3-13-25 Goal Setting Session – What can we do to address the areas of identified need?

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, May 21, 2025, 1:30-3ish, alternate location

**Check out questions:** These questions are suggested as we intend to shift from a culture that is primarily task-oriented to a culture that prioritizes relationships.

How did we do relationally? Do we need repairs? Acknowledgements.

**Closing** – Love is the power that holds us together and is at the center of our shared values. We are accountable to one another for doing the work of living our shared values through the spiritual discipline of Love.

**Parking lot**

* Policy Review: PC looks at pending policies and also gives policy recommendations to Governance Committee.

**Community clean air and cooling center**

Hi Larry, this is Lara from public health and the Bakerview neighborhood. Thank you for beginning to explore the idea of the Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship serving as a community clean air and cooling center. Public health would love to work with you, because we have a lack of buildings in Port Townsend with good air filtration and cooling.

There are a couple of options for serving as a community clean air and cooling center.

1. Join the public list of good places for people to go when it’s hot or air quality is poor during your regular open hours.
2. Join the list as above and be open to extending hours during extreme heat or poor air quality events from wildfire smoke. This is the ideal scenario.
3. Only be open during emergency level heat and air quality events. Public health would provide just in time messaging to the public during an event.

Public health can provide supplies such as snacks, bottled water etc. in a heat or air quality emergency event. We also have reimbursement available for supplies and staff time, but have to create a contract for this.

Generally we have small groups of people who really need the service show up, such folks camping, with small children or elderly who don’t have a good way to cool their home. However, if there is a heat dome level event, there would likely be more need.

We are also hoping to develop a system with Jefferson Healthcare to reach out to our most vulnerable populations, such as people with asthma, COPD, or pregnant people who most need to get respite from wildfire smoke and heat. One of the challenges with this has been a lack of a good space for people to go. QUUF would be an ideal location for this population.

Please let me know if you have any questions, I’m also available by phone Monday-Thursday 9-5 at 360-385-9430.

Thank you!

Lara

**Questions from Larry:** Does this increase our liability? Will there be non-budgeted expenses? Will this disrupt our regular programs? Are all operational unless the answer is "Yes, this activity significantly puts QUUF at risk."? David does not think there are liabilities/ risks.