

Coordinating Council Jan 14, 2026

Present: Facilitator Elaine Webber, Board President-Nancy Murphy, Buildings and Grounds-Ken Lopez, Worship Arts-Diane Farone, Membership-Jeanne Macauley, Website-Jan Lathrop, Promotions-Lorna Holmes & Susan James, Pastoral Care-Judy Sullivan, Recording Secretary-Jack Webber

Reports:

Technology-Jack:

1. Website is continually being improved and becoming more robust.
2. Committee pages are being added.
 - a. Request any information any committee would like posted.
 - b. Goal to create a repository for committee members and give all members easy access to what the committees are focusing on, need and have accomplished.
 - c. Some information will be for members only and protected with a password.

Social justice-Jan Lathrop:

1. There was an article in the Green Valley News about a Pima County Health Department mobile clinic, and they are looking for a place to park it. The committee will get more information including insurance issues. This would be perhaps a model for a healthcare facility in Amado with it being next to the food bank and little free library.
2. A budget for the Social Justice committee was submitted for \$100 less than last year as BUU is running a deficit.
3. The committee is exploring the possibility of BUU buying a water filter for Sopori Elementary School. They are awaiting a reply from the school itself.
4. The committee is considering doing voter registration again this year.
5. A journalist will be speaking Saturday morning 8:30-12:00 for Community Day at the UCC about warrior shoes and immigration lawyers.
6. BUU offerings of 50/50 are done for 2025 and a sign is hanging at the back of the Fuller room showing the amount that was raised.
7. The committee will be using their sign for the committee fair from last year.

Membership-Jeanne Macauley:

1. Now is the season for recruiting as it is usually BUU's largest attendance period.
2. There will be a Welcoming Social meeting on Feb. 1st at 11:30 following coffee hour. The purpose will be to welcome newcomers and greet members and friends. Even those members that are relatively new are encouraged to attend. All members are encouraged to come and meet the new members.
3. Caring Cluster and membership work hand in hand with new members.
4. They met with the Caring Cluster committee and discussed a better process for how to get new members into their Caring Clusters ASAP, but still not push.
5. They submitted a budget request with some expanded ideas, such as an outside Kiosk.
6. There will be only one Membership folder on the back table during coffee.
7. They are collaborating on the submittal of BUU's annual report to UUA regarding membership. Currently, we have 91 members who have a pledge on record at this moment.

Caring Clusters

1. The Caring Cluster leaders are now meeting together, thanks to encouragement from Ken and Ginny.
2. They want to create a Caring Cluster script for announcements by worship associates at service.
3. They really have no budget request as each leader currently takes care of their cluster's expenses, but they estimate that \$1,000-\$2,000 would help with costs throughout the year.

4. A Poster at the back of the Fuller room identifies the Cluster Leaders.
5. Anyone walking in the door can provide their email and receive a copy of the Newsletter.

Promotions – Susan James

1. The committee purchased mugs, magnets, and business cards last fiscal year, and has since sold 33 mugs and 23 car magnets, which more than covers the cost of the items to produce. Equal numbers of the mugs and magnets are available for purchase.
2. 20 apparel orders have been filled from our online “BUU store.” The Logos Galore company donated \$112 of the proceeds to BUU, which went into the BUU general fund.
3. Leftover shirt samples are now being sold for \$10.
4. The “BUU store” will be reopening in January with 41 different items, which members and friends can buy online. A link to the store will soon be on the home page of our website www.BorderlandsUU.org
5. They are suggesting that the congregation wear their BUU T-shirts and other logo apparel to church and community events.
6. The committee would like to be part of the “committee fair,” where they will have a laptop set up to take orders and demonstrate how ordering is done.
7. They are considering other options to advertise BUU.
8. The committee would like to make an announcement about the shop at a service, put up a flyer on a BUU bulletin board, and possibly make a presentation about it at Caring Cluster meetings.

Hospitality-Lorna Holmes

1. The committee wants to be part of the committee fair.
2. More volunteers are needed on the committee, as both Susan Ammons and Lorna are resigning in June.

Endowment

1. They want a sign at committee fair.
2. Barb-can't do March 15th
3. Schwab representatives can't do any Sunday in March

Pledge drive-Tobe emailed the following:

1. Feb 15th - Sunday Service **announcement** of the upcoming Town Hall discussion of the next year's budget
2. Feb 22nd - Sunday Service **announcement** of the upcoming Town Hall discussion of the next year's budget
3. Feb 24th - **Town Hall presentation** of next year's draft budget with Q & A
4. Feb 24th - **Mailing** of the pledge envelopes to members and selected friends
5. March 1st - **Stewardship Brunch**
6. March 8th - **Update** on pledges
7. March 15th - **Update** on pledges
8. March 22nd - **Update** on pledges
9. March 29th - Connection Sunday **Final announcement** of this year's results with a special dessert.

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11. Nancy has the dates of the drive.
 - a. February 24th
 - b. 1st Sunday in March

Building and Grounds-Ken

1. A town hall was held where a representative from the HOA explained their role and items being addressed.
2. On Jan. 14th the contracted painting co. washed the building and will begin painting this week.

Board President- Nancy Murphy

1. BUU sheds in the back were broken into on Jan 1st. There is some evidence of who did it.
 - a. Items stolen were valued less than \$500 so BUU's insurance will not pay as we have a \$500 deductible.
 - b. Building and Grounds and the board are considering options to improve security.
 - c. They are requesting that everyone make a stronger effort to make sure all doors are locked. Concern was discussed over the center doors being properly secured.
2. Governance Project
 - a. Conversations that started in the summer of 2025 are continuing.
 - b. There will eventually be a discernment, discussion process.
 - c. Guidance will be sought from the connections team Rev. Sam is working with.
 - d. The Board will be placing it as an item for discussion on upcoming Board agendas with the goal of making it a discernment process with all involved.
3. Connections Team
 - a. 21 BUU members met with Rev. Sam this week.
 - i. A summary will be placed in this week's newsletter.
 - b. Rev. Sam is also working with the Board.
4. Volunteers needed
 - a. Nancy pointed out that the BUU Covenant has a part about members giving their "service". She would like to begin emphasizing this when seeking volunteers as well as asking for monetary support and perhaps it be the focus of a upcoming Sunday service. The idea was discussed of possibly having a "Service Pledge Drive"
 - b. There will be a Pledge Breakfast the 1st Sunday in March.
 - c. Seeking committee volunteers will be needed to continue throughout the year.
 - d. If there is not a current searchable data base of members skills we may need to create one, perhaps by changing the membership form to include skills input.
5. Committee Fair
 - a. Will be held February 22nd.
6. New member's service/breakfast will be March 9th.
 - a. She suggested current members could attend and why they are members.
 - b. They will be asking them to sign up for a committee and serve as well as pledge.
7. There is still a need to display the 7 principles, the Mission Statement and the Vision Statement within the building. The suggestion was made to perhaps form a new temporary project committee for this, perhaps under the umbrella of Religious Education
8. Staff concern
 - a. Members are increasingly asking the custodian and Office manager to do things. Nancy is requesting that all requests for their services be sent to her instead.

Town Halls – Diane Farone

1. Jan. 27th-Worship Arts- Discussion will be held asking members what they feel can be done more effectively meet their "spiritual needs" along with discussion of the UUA "6 sources" and how to include them all in our services.

2. Feb. 24th -Pledge Campaign
3. March 24th-Communication and transparency. Discussion on how different media such as the website, newsletter etc. can be used to help better inform and include members in the governance and events of the community.
4. April -Preview of Annual meeting

Pastoral Care Team-Judy Sullivan

1. Request a table at the committee fair.