

Zoom Committee Report

We are at a crossroads!

Our Mission

- To research the feasibility of having hybrid guild meetings.
 - Hybrid means that we can have an in person meeting that will be broadcast to people at home via zoom.
 - It also means that we can have speakers present programs via zoom at our in-person meetings and simultaneously in the homes of our members who choose not to come in person

Some Comments

- We are at a Crossroads.
- Since we have been meeting by Zoom for the past two years, we have been able to have incredible speakers from far and wide that we would not have been able to afford if we were in person. Here are speakers we have had during the pandemic. Carl Hentsch - Iowa, Kitty Wilkin - Maine, Timna Tarr - Massachusetts, Yvonne Fuchs - Hawaii, Lea McComas - Colorado, Jenny Bowker - Australia, Zak Foster - Brooklyn, Kathy Doughty - Australia, Esterita Austin - New York, Jen Kingwell - Australia, Malka Dubrawsky - Texas, Christina Cameli - Oregon, Rose Parr - Canada, Sam Hunter - Oregon, Chawne Kimber - Pennsylvania, Tara Faughnan - Oakland, CA, Susan Else - Santa Cruz, CA, Audrey Esarey (coming up - Sept.) - Kentucky, , Robin Long (coming up - Oct.) - Washington State,
- Many teachers are opting out of traveling to in-person meetings. Because of the pandemic many speakers have chosen to present only by zoom. Travel has become increasingly expensive. The price of airfare, gas, hotels, and food have increased. Airline travel has become harder with fewer non-stop flights, and more cancellations.

- Our membership is aging. Many of us do not like to drive at night any more.
- For the last two years members who have moved away are able to stay connected with our guild because we are on Zoom.
- We have some members who are not comfortable with virtual meetings and prefer in-person meetings.
- Our speakers for September and October are coming to us by Zoom.

Pros

In Person only	Zoom only	Hybrid
Treasure Table	Every seat is a front row seat	You can choose how to attend
Seeing Friends	No need to drive	Best of both worlds
Library	Internet	Something for everyone
Door Prizes	Have a glass of wine	
live show and tell	virtual show and tell	
Local speakers	International speakers	
Live trunk shows	Virtual trunk shows	
No need for tech	Learn new skills	

Cons

In Person	Zoom	Hybrid
We don't like change	We don't get to see our friends	Lots of tech to learn
The Pandemic may not be over yet.	Zoom Fatigue... We're sick of it	There might be some extra expense
Physical building problems	Tech dependent	
New developments at St Andrews		

What we have done

1. We researched purchasing equipment and using it at our current venue, St Andrews Presbyterian Church.

Details

1. Purchase equipment.

We consulted with people who have done hybrid meetings successfully. We attended guild meetings via Zoom where they were successful with hybrid meetings. (We have attended zoom meetings where guilds were not successful with hybrid)

To purchase equipment needed to successfully run a hybrid meeting would cost between \$2000.00 and \$3000.00 dollars. (This figure represents finding reliable used equipment. buying everything new would be substantially more.)

Equipment needed: Large screen TV, two monitors, monitor stand, keyboard, computer, sound board, moveable stand or desk for equipment, cords, power strips, expanded capacity wifi in the building,

Other factors are storage of the media center, and installation of the computer screen.

In addition, we would need to hire a professional for the initial set up of the equipment and to monitor it during the meeting.

OR

We could move the meeting to a venue that already has hybrid capability and enough space to meet our needs.

What else we have done

2. We have toured Live Oak Church on Fairview as a possible new venue for our guild to meet.

Information

- Live Oak Universalist Unitarian church is a lovely setting.
- The Sanctuary has ample room for our guild.
- They are set up to have in-person hybrid meetings where our members can log in remotely and where we can have speakers zoom in from other locations internationally as well as have in person speakers and presentations.

- They have a Fellowship Hall where we could hold workshops.
- Storage for our library and miscellaneous items is available.
- The cost is comparable to what we pay Saint Andrews.
- It is 3.7 miles away from our current venue.
- Parking is about the same as we have now.
- There are members of our guild who are members of the Live Oak congregation.

Here are some photos



Here is the view as you enter the property. The fellowship hall is on your right and the sanctuary is on the left.



The outdoor patio area



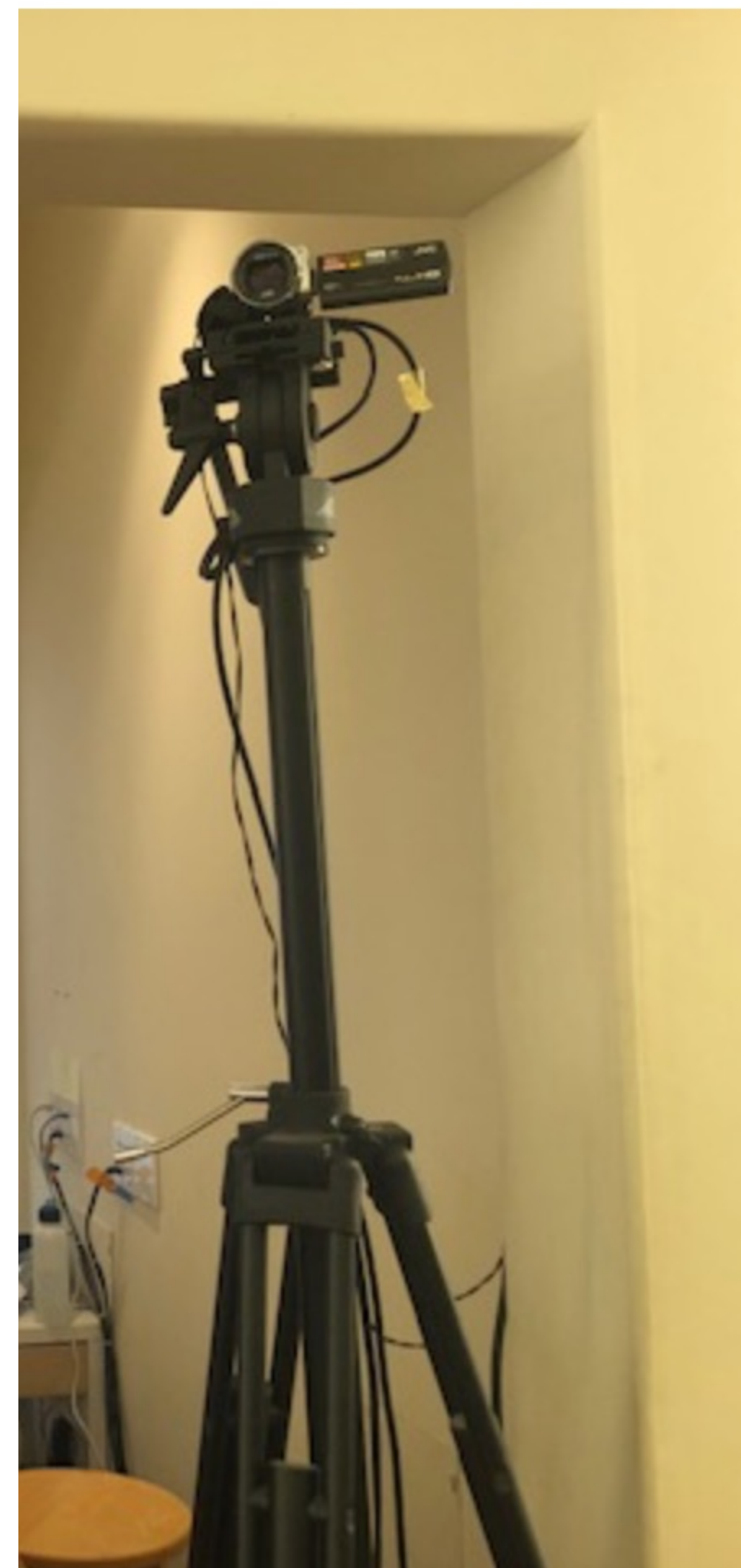
The entrance to the Sanctuary



This is a composite photo of the Sanctuary.
Note the two video screens.



Here is the AV setup in the back of the room with one of two video cameras.





Large screens are permanently mounted to the walls



A storage closet is big enough for the library carts



The Fellowship Hall would be a great place for workshops. The screen at the back of the room could be used to display quilts



Small item storage



Chairs and tables are available

In Conclusion

The committee highly recommends a change of venue to this wonderful location. We would like to invite you to a walk through so that you can see the possibilities we have discovered. Susan has the details.

Change is hard, but this is an opportunity that we should not pass up.