

Event Sponsorship by UUFCO Committees or Programs

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The policies put forward by the Facilities Management Committee so far provide that events that are part of the UUFCO program will not have charges levied for use of UUFCO facilities, and that other events will be charged. The question, then, is what are the criteria for deciding when an event, especially if it is not primarily organized by members of our congregation, should be considered part of our program.? Since there are many worthy causes and there are likely to be many worthy non-profit groups asking to use our facilities, it behooves UUFCO to define things so that those events adopted as part of our program fit substantively in our ministry and are not too numerous, so as not to dilute the impact of what truly is in our program.

As a starting point...

Programmatic events should be those

- Initiated and organized by a committee or ministry of UUFCO, possibly with minority collaboration with outside groups
 - justified with reference to the UUFCO Mission and the Mission and annual goals of the particular committee

OR

- Initiated and organized by an outside group that is well known to a UUFCO committee or ministry
 - and adopted as an important part of its program by a majority vote of the committee or other established process for decision making;
 - with substantial supporting work on the program and arrangements done by committee members;
 - and a plan for how major event responsibilities will be assigned (with names) to the outside group and to UUFCO committee members;
 - justified with reference to the UUFCO Mission and the Mission and annual goals of the particular committee;
 - focused on program content and not on fund raising;
 - with one or more committee members designated (by name and by the time of approval of the event) as the contact for UUFCO for the event and in close communication with those directly running the event;
 - with one or more committee members committed (by name and by the time of approval of the event) to take responsibility during the event for setup and teardown and for representing UUFCO during the event, including ensuring that UUFCO policies for events and any specific agreements for the particular event will be followed.

The number of outside-organized-UUFCO-Program events should be limited, though what is a workable number is not well known right now. We suggest an initial limit of two events in any given calendar month during an initial trial period, extending perhaps through June, 2016.