

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Benton County

March 10, 2017 Monthly Governing Board Meeting Minutes

The Governing Board of UUBC met on March 10, 2017, at 11:30 a.m., at the office of Karen Tucker. Board members present: Suzanne Miltich, Kathy Rogers, Karen Tucker, Richard Bland, Jim Jenson, and Ellen Tate.

- I. **Jim Jenson gave the Treasurer's Report.** UUBC has \$26, 669.00 in our accounts. Jim reported that our collections were down about \$3000.00 in 2016 over prior year. He reported that our monthly expenses are about \$2000.00. \$600.00 of which is rent paid to Little Einsteins Montessori School.
- II. **Election of officers:**
President: Suzanne Miltich
Vice-President: Kathy Rogers
Secretary: Ellen Tate
Treasurer: Jim Jenson
- III. **Report of Sunday service schedule**
 - A. Scheduled Services
 - i. March 12—Discussions: “Mentors in Headscarves”, led by Teresa Honey-Youngblood; “The Power of Storytelling”, led by Suzanne Miltich.
 - ii. March 19—Speaker: Terry Bankston, Executive Director of EngageNWA
 - iii. March 26—Social Sunday/Potluck
 - B. April Scheduled Services
 - i. April 2—Topic forum, Issa Aboud, Bentonville Islamic Center (tentative)
 - ii. April 9—Discussions: April 1st topic and “What is UU?”
 - iii. April 16—Easter Sunday: Homily, Jeff Tate
 - iv. April 23—World Café
 - v. April 30—Trail clean-up service project
- IV. **Team Reports**
 - A. World Café--Concerns expressed about the World Café. We wondered if the same suggestions occur year after year with little or no change occurring with our programming. Suzanne and Jeff will compile notes from past World Cafés for us to evaluate if we are using this program to its full potential and usefulness. Issues to discuss: getting people to come and participate, retaining people, meeting people's needs.
 - B. Set-up Team
Karen Tucker: Set-up is going great. We are working on streamlining procedures. Karen has plans for new procedure with nametags. She and Perk Perkins are working on dollies for storing and moving chairs more easily.
 - C. Worship/Program
Suzanne reported that she and Julie Jenson are researching using resources from the Church of the Larger Fellowship for some Sunday morning services. The cost is \$250.00 for a 2017 trial use, \$500.00 for the first year after that, then \$250.00 each year after.
 - D. Volunteer Service
The Samaritan Center has told us that they no longer need our help in assembling snack packs for the public schools. Instead, they are asking that we provide volunteers to work in their thrift store at Frisco Station Mall on Saturday, April 22, from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

E. UUBC Banner

The board discussed the creation of a UUBC banner to be used in services, when we are working in the community, and for use at UUA General Assemblies.

Karen, Suzanne, Ellen, and Chris Delacruz will begin work on the design.

F. Facebook/Website

Kathy is working on a social media policy to present to the board. She shared some examples from other congregations.

Ellen is going to take over responsibility for the fellowship Facebook page.

She will contact Joe DeRouen for help in becoming the moderator.

G. Religious Education Board Liason

Kathy will work with Jennifer on R.E. programming

V. OWL Program Plans

Kathy reported that the team is still working to confirm dates for the program.

The first session will be open to up to 12 5th and 6th graders. There will be a planning and parent information meeting and five sessions for the students.

A parent information meeting will be held Sunday, March 12, following the regular Sunday service. There will be an OWL facilitator training later this year.

The team hopes to have the training at Mt. Sequoyah in Fayetteville.

VI. New UUBC logo

Suzanne presented a new logo designed by Chris Delacruz, Kate Duprey, and ?

The board likes the logo, suggests that a tag line saying Unitarian Universalists Fellowship of Benton County be added.

VII. Fellowship T-Shirts

Kathy (?) reported that we can create a t-shirt design on a website that will handle the printing, sales, and shipping of a Fellowship t-shirt. The board responded favorably to the idea. We will look into this further.

VIII. Other business

Kathy is setting up an Amazon Smiles account for UUBC. This is a program for shopping on Amazon for the same products and prices normally found on amazon.com, the difference being that when you shop on Amazon Smiles, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to UUBC.

The Arkansas UU Cluster meeting will be Friday and Saturday, May 5-6, at Hot Springs Village UU Fellowship.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m. by President Suzanne Miltich.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Tate, Secretary

