

Notes from UUBC Advisory Board Meeting
 Thursday February 20, 2014
 Jeff Tate's home, Rogers, AR



NEXT MEETING: To Be Scheduled.

February 20 Attendees		
Michelle Harvey	Jim Jensen	Julie Jensen
Melissa Jordan	Harris McKee	Jeff Tate
<i>Not in attendance:</i>	Hannah Roberts	Tony Miltich
	Dave Sippel	

	Issue/Action	Responsibility	Status
1	Resolution of Music for April	Julie Jensen	
2	Peekaboo Ad Placement	Jeff Tate	
3	Confirmation of 3 rd Sunday Availability in May and June for Member Orientation	Julie Jensen	
4	Get Fawn Smith Job Description	Jeff Tate	
5	Review possible tasks for Fawn S. with Mary McKee and Jane Barfield	Harris McKee	
6	Review RE area for improvement in handling youngest attendees	Hannah Roberts Michelle Harvey	
7	Identify UUBC Reps for May UUANWA Social Event	Julie Jensen	Jane & Dave Barfield will be our reps

1. **Treasurer's Report—Jim Jensen** reported that the current balance in our banking account is \$14,790. For the month of January Revenue was \$2,500 and Expenses were \$2,400. The bill for the new sounds system which is operational has not been received. Acknowledgements to 2013 contributors have been delivered by mail or in person except for one contributor for whom contact information is unavailable.
2. **Current Status of Musical Program.** The schedule announced at our last board meeting with David Sippel on 1st Sundays and Charles Faulk on 3rd Sundays is in flux. Current plan is for recorded music on March 2nd and David Sippel tentatively on 3rd Sunday in March. Julie Jensen will verify April Schedule. For February 4th Sunday Kathy Rogers will provide recorded music.
3. **World Café.** Now Scheduled for 5th Sunday in March. Topics identified include:
 - a. What should music program be?
 - b. What kind of Summer Program should we have?
4. **Marketing in Print and Radio—Update.** We currently have scheduled 10 spots on KUAF in the week prior to our 1st Sunday meetings at a cost of \$38/spot or \$380/mo. An ad has also been scheduled in Peek-A-Boo magazine. Jeff will check to see whether this ad has been published.
5. **(New) Member Orientation.** Several options have been identified for providing U-U orientation to longtime UUBC attendees and to new members who will join in the future. These include a 30 minute

VHS tape and a U-U Curriculum involving six 90-minute sessions. Jeff also noted that *Challenge of a Liberal Faith* by George N. Marshall remains one of the best references for U-U members and prospective members. (It's available as a free ebook download.) The Advisory Board agreed that two Sunday morning sessions would be appropriate for long-time attendees and identified 3rd Sundays in May and June as possible option. Julie will confirm.

6. Outcomes of joint UU meeting w UUFF and EurekaUU

- a. Unitarian-Universalist Alliance of Northwest Arkansas (UUANWA)—UUBCAB members approved the name for the group formed by UUBC, UUFF, and UU-Eureka Springs to support joint activities.
- b. Use of UUFF Admin person—Fawn Smith, UUFF Administrator has time available in case there are admin tasks that would help us. Possibilities discussed included follow-up on missing members, making phone contacts, representing UUANWA, etc. Jeff will ask Caroline Lennox for Fawn's job description. Harris will ask Mary McKee and Jane Barfield for possible areas where support would be appropriate

7. **Update on RE Program---**Hannah Roberts who was unable to attend had prepared a detailed RE report noting control problems with some of the youngest children that was disrupting efforts of the RE teachers. (See Appendix I below) The UUBCAB authorized hiring a sitter to address this issue but deferred a decision on additional equipment pending additional review by Hannah and Michelle.
8. **May UU Alliance of NWA social event**—UUFF has agreed to host a joint social event among the UUANWA members in May but asked for representatives from UUBC and UUES to help plan the event. Julie Jensen was asked to follow up on February 23rd. She did and Dave and Jane Barfield volunteered to represent UUBC.
9. **Review of Liaison Responsibility between Board Member and Sunday Teams**—Members noted that the Liaison should involve two-way communication between the Liaisoning Board member and the assigned team.
10. **Gathering of "under 40" Group.** Purpose of meeting is to gain input from younger members on what would make UUBC more attractive to them. AB recognizes that for growth, we must appeal to younger members with children. We hope to address both current attendees and those who attended earlier but have not been attending recently. Michelle will draft two letters to be sent to potential members of the group using a list compiled by Carol Bobek and augments with some recent additions.
11. **Volunteers for UUBC Committees--**Julie noted that we have received two volunteers Chandra Perkins and Jessey McCormick who have asked to be added to the Caring and Sharing Committee. Mary McKee met with them on February 23 and they agreed to reach out to visitors after their attendance.

Notes Prepared by: Harris McKee

Appendix I. R.E. Program Update—Hannah Roberts

There have been several new families with kids coming. Because of this, the teachers decided to start the promises and principles lessons from the spirit play curriculum over so the newer kids can learn the basics of UU.

I spoke with both teachers to see what their concerns/needs are as of now. Dana asked for more shelf space to use for lessons. She requested some wooden shelves on wheels. I'm going to go back this

Sunday and see what space is available and ask her to submit a cost and bring it back to the board if that is okay with everyone.

Shannon said that with the younger kids being back there it makes it harder for both teachers to be a part of the lesson. The curriculum is compromised because one teacher is having to run after babies and younger rowdy kids while the other is trying to teach the lesson. She suggested that a maybe figure out a way to block off the area so the younger ones can't escape so easily. It is stated that RE is for children potty trained and up, but there are younger ones back there sometimes (Crosby included, though he is the one that is usually on the run lol). So as I see it we have a few options.

1. We can tell the teachers to not accept the babies that aren't potty trained, though this could cause most families with babies to not come as regularly, if at all. In my personal experience, it doesn't bother me to keep Crosby with me, but I know it bothers my husband to the point where he doesn't even come regularly anymore. This will be a hit or miss depending on each family I think.

2. We may also consider trying to hire one more person to watch the babies. Doing this would give the older children the best opportunity to learn the curriculum the way it is intended. The set up of the lessons is very particular and detailed about how each teacher interacts with the children.

3. We can ask that the teachers revise the curriculum for now to accommodate all the children regardless of age so that our isn't as much of a hassle that both teachers aren't able to completely give all their attention to the lesson. My main concern with this would be that the older children we have would get bored and not want to come. I spoke with the DeRouen boy, Fletcher, last week and he said he didn't like it as much for 2 main reasons. The teachers focusing in the younger children's needs and their art activities and also because he want allowed to use his electronic game.

4. We can purchase a a baby corral like this <http://mobile.walmart.com/?wmlspartner=wlp&selectedSellerId=0&adid=22222222228001197666&wl0=&wl1=q&wl2=m&wl3=41868032350&wl4=&wl5=pla&wl6=35002694710&veh=sem#ip/8457891> or possibly a folding screen partition to put at the entry of the kids area where the younger ones are escaping. Maybe both of these would be smart to purchase of this of what is decided to be the best option? This may work to allow both teacher to be more involved with the older kids while knowing the younger ones are contained and safe.

Obviously there are lots of things to consider with this. Storage space, costs and meeting the needs of the parents, children and teachers. These options are just what comes to my mind as possible solutions, but I'm sure you guys may have other concerns or ideas which I'll be looking forward to hearing about.

North States - 3-in-1 Wood Superyard \$155.96

