

Notes from UUBC Advisory Board Meeting
 Thursday July 17, 2014
 Jeff Tate's home, Rogers, AR



NEXT MEETING: To Be Scheduled.

July 17 Attendees			
Lauren Galle	Michelle Harvey	Jim Jensen	Julie Jensen
Melissa Jordan	Harris McKee	Hannah Roberts	Dave Sippel
Jeff Tate			

1. Action Items

	Issue/Action	Responsibility	Status
1	Purchase components for UU Kits for Kids	Hannah Roberts	
2	Conduct email follow-up w/those who have partially completed the Membership History qualification.	Harris	
3	Prepare Bylaws draft	Harris	
4	Review Interest in Marketing Consultation of friend with Marketing skill	Michelle	
5	Complete Bentonville Trail Adoption Appl.	Harris	
6	Conduct Preliminary Membership Meeting with Chandra, Mary, and Jane	Julie	
7	Resolve Details of Becoming Official UU Church including adequacy of UUBCAB for initial governing board.	Jeff	

2. Review of Action items from May 29 Meeting

	Issue/Action	Responsibility	Status
1	Purchase components for UU Kits for Kids	Hannah Roberts	Still need to order
2	Place Ad for Music Director	Jeff Tate	Done; No responses; wait till fall.
3	Review Sigenthayer Movie Option w/Kate	Harris McKee	NFTR
4	Advise Kathy Rogers on Tulsa OWL June 20	Hannah Roberts	She did not go
5	Consult with Barbara Lingle on recommendations for reviewer of umbrella Liab and Workmen's Comp	Jim Jensen	Ins. Agent says unnecessary for UUBC
6	Review Elks Storage Options	Tony Miltich	Elks are clearing closet near R.E. area for us to use for both R.E. and Main Meeting.
7	Prepare Pledge Campaign Proposal	Michelle Harvey	See Report below
8	World Cafe Task Force Report in July	Hannah Roberts	See Report below
9	Provide UU History Makeup On-line syllabus	Harris McKee	Handouts made, Posted on website.

1. Treasurer’s Report including multi-month Income/Expense..... Jim
June Expenditures exceeded Income by \$413.11. Bank Balance on June 30 was \$14,754.92.
2. RE Program Hannah
A new teacher/a.k.a. baby sitter Laura Perez started on July 13. Although both Genny and Shannon are pregnant, their deliveries are not expected to provide a staffing problem for the R.E. program. The Advisory Board approved an expenditure of \$600-700 for R.E. supplies.
3. 5th Sunday Hannah
Recognizing that the 5th Sunday in August falls on Labor Day weekend, the Advisory Board decided to declare that August 31st will be the UUBC Summer vacation and no activity will be planned.
4. Pledge Drive Michelle
Michelle presented a detailed plan for a fall Pilot Pledge program addressing UUBC--Our Path to the Future that will ask for six month pledges covering the first half of 2015. Short educational announcements will be made by Advisory Board members for five weeks beginning September 7th. On the sixth Sunday, October 12th, Jeff will give a "Sermon on the Amount". Pledges will be made on Stewardship Sunday October 19th. We hope to include pledges of time and talent as well as funds. Michelle noted that in her research on conducting a fund drive, the only small church information that she found was for old churches that had remained small, not emerging congregations. She has a UUA handbook on Stewardship on order that may provide some insight.

A second canvass will be planned for April 2015 following a World Cafe in March. This canvass would solicit pledges for the full year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016

5. World Cafe Task Force Recommendations Hannah
 - a. Replacement of fourth Sunday family potluck by UU-Learn. Board approved change.
 - b. Interchanging Topic and Discussion Sunday weeks beginning January 2015 Board approved change.
 - c. Formation of Membership Committee. Board agreed that additional formalization and coordination desirable. Chandra Perkins, Mary McKee, and Jane Barfield will be asked to review current activities and recommend approach.
 - d. Conduct Chalica Celebration in December 2014. Board approved proposal with November 30th kickoff.
 - e. Marketing Changes/Committee. Board agrees with need. Michelle will review interest a friend with marketing expertise might have in consulting with us.
6. Review of Proposed Elks Club Changes Julie and Harris
The new board of the Elks Club plans to draw up a new contract with us and plan to ask for a higher weekly payment. They also are in the process of clearing out the closet near the R.E. area so that we can consolidate our materials from the closet near the kitchen and our R.E. materials in one location. They have also agreed to open the Elks Lodge at 9:30 on Sunday for our access. The Elks have a monthly newsletter and invited us to submit copy for inclusion. It was also noted that there are two evenings during the week when they are open for members that would provide a possibility for us to hold evening activities without charge!
7. Formalization of UUBC Board Structure & transition strategyAll

Complementing our first pledge drive is the plan to conduct a board election, approve bylaws and declare our Charter Members. Tentative date for Charter Sunday is December 7, 2014. In the meantime, efforts will be made to follow up with those UUBCers who have completed either Part I or Part II of the UU History orientation but not both to facilitate their completion of qualification requirements.

Details of the election remain to be worked out and depend in part whether our Advisory Board qualifies as a Board of Directors for purposes of filing with the UUA as a congregation. Our basic concept at this time is that current Advisory Board would remain intact through June 2015 at which time three new members would be elected replacing three members and remaining members would be designated with lesser terms so as to provide staggered terms for the board of directors.

- 8. Consideration of Bentonville Trail Sponsorship..... Harris
Bentonville offers non-profit organizations an opportunity to adopt sections of bike trail. The adopter is responsible for conducting clean-up quarterly and receives recognition with a sign posted along the trail. It is not clear whether there are any sections currently available so our application might go into a waiting list for a new trail section or for an adopter to withdraw. Board authorized completion of Application form. Harris agreed to fill out and submit form.

- 9. Music. Board authorized payment of \$150 to Still on the Hill for their performance on July 27.