

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF BENTON COUNTY

Board Meeting

#5 Cunningham Lane, Bella Vista

August 16, 2016

Present: Lauren Gaille, Jim Jensen, Harris McKee, Suzanne Miltich, Kathy Rogers

Absent: Hannah Roberts

Treasurer's Report—Jim reported a balance of \$22,440.82 end of July, slightly less than balance end of June, which was \$22,632, though essentially maintaining our funding stream. He noted that contributions have decreased slightly when compared to cumulative total same period last year (Jan 1 to Aug 15, 2015), though recent pledges not yet deposited make up some of the difference.

Sunday Service Schedule—

- Recommendation of Program Team to alter monthly format so that 2nd Sunday will be Topic Forum and 3rd Sunday Discussion group. After discussion, we agreed to try this format through end of 2016.
- Sunday service schedule reviewed as follows:
 - August 21: GA Report and UU Membership Celebration. Decision to serve cake with fresh fruit and nuts. Harris will read, as opening words, from Rev. Peter Morales' preface to his edited book, "The Unitarian Universalist Pocket Guide." Those in attendance will be given a wallet-size card with UU's Principles and Sources, and following GA report from Ellen & Suzanne, they will ask members and others in attendance to read in unison the principles, beginning and ending with the covenant statement on the card.
 - August 28: Swim Party at Metfield Plaza, Bella Vista. No service Little Einstein.
 - September 4: Brunch at Crystal Bridges, 11 am. No service at Little Einstein.
 - September 11: DBLE report, including Rev. Ken Hurto worship service
 - September 18: CUPPs, UUFF, Autumnal Equinox ritual with talk about Paganism.
 - September 25: Discussion Sunday

R.E. Report—No report available.

Cluster Meeting—Suzanne reported that Shawna Thorup has stepped down from her position as coordinator, and Carol Olsen is now coordinating the cluster meeting. Registration materials are expected to be sent soon. Suzanne will contact Carol to ask how we can help with meeting.

Book Fair: Reviewed this activity presented by Kathy in June.

- Kathy distributed, for Board members to review, lists of books often used by congregations of different sizes.

- Discussion of how to reach the most people and how to include nearby congregations such as having fair at an event for UUBC, EUUF, & UUFF. At Harris' suggestion, we agreed to contact Fayetteville to ask about having Book Fair during the upcoming Cluster Meeting they're hosting Sept 30-Oct 1. Suzanne will contact Carol Olsen about this.

Board Planning Retreat—Harris has contacted Christine Purcell, UUA Southern Region, Program Consultant for small congregations in Arkansas, about meeting with us for Board retreat. Suzanne also spoke with her at DBLE. At this time Christine is checking budget and schedule to determine whether she can meet with us this fall; however, she is typically scheduled six to eight months out and plans to be in our area in the spring. She is looking into who else might meet with us if she is not available. Suzanne will follow up with her in the next few days.

Bylaws Review—Harris asked that Board members review Bylaws and, by August 30, recommend changes they think are important. Harris & Suzanne will then meet before the next Board meeting to review recommendations for presentation at a congregational meeting in October.

Banner Update—Suzanne and Ellen have been tasked with developing a banner for UUBC. No action has yet been taken with this project.

Logo—Logo discussion at July meeting with agreement that logo proposed could not stand alone because it lacked name of congregation. Media team still needs to consider proposals that include the name.

Coffee—Harris noted coffee is needed and that he has brought this.

Meet Up—Noted that few people are shown n Meet Up as attending because many of those who do attend are not posting their attendance. Lauren will look at whether this feature can be modified on Meet Up.

Samaritan Center—Jim read letter of Thank You from Samaritan Center. Suzanne will give letter to Carol Bobek, who coordinated the project, and letter may be read at service during announcements.

Social Time—Discussed need for social time following our services, and we will begin waiting 15” after service ends to start stacking chairs and putting items away. Harris will announce this near end of service.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Miltich, Secretary