

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF BENTON COUNTY

Board Meeting

#5 Cunningham Lane, Bella Vista
November 15, 2016

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

Absent: Lauren Galle Hannah Roberts

Treasurer's Report: Jim reported beginning balance of \$21,800 for October with closing balance of \$23,400.

Sunday Service Schedule:

November 27	No service (Note: Thanksgiving potluck cancelled b/c show of hands at 11/13 service indicated few people will be here. Suzanne suggested inviting those interested for Thanksgiving potluck at their home.)
December 4	Festival of the Greens—Learn about the evergreens of Christmas and craft a holiday decoration of greens to take home.
December 11	Discussion Sunday 1) After the Election: A UU Viewpoint for the Future 2) Christmas Traditions: For Now, Forever, Never
December 18	Christmas homily, Jeff Tate.

Congregational Meeting: Schedule January meeting at/after Board Retreat.

Religious Education Report:

- Little Einstein
 - Amanda Jacobson, Director, Little Einstein advised Harris of concerns that someone had used a room that was not to be used by UUBC. Note: This likely happened when R.E. teacher gave late notice they would not be there, and children and parents were here w/o direction from R.E. staff.
 - Harris reported that Jennifer recently said that someone had been in the R.E. supplies closet. This was reported to Amanda when Harris spoke with her, as well as UUBC needing to clean before setting up for service.
 - Jennifer Dorsey will speak directly with Amanda about these concerns.
- Our Whole Lives (OWL)
 - Kathy reported that OWL training for Grades 4-6 is planned for Spring 2017. Discussion followed as to place for training and ways to recruit students for this.
 - Kathy serves on OWL Steering Team for Arkansas, which is working to:
 - Provide facilitator training in the state.
 - Organize NWA training in 2017 for Grades 10-12.
 - Steering Team discussing fee to charge for OWL training. Note: At least minimal fee will be changed b/c this increases commitment to complete.

Board Planning Retreat:

- Sunday, November 20, 3 to 5 pm, at home of Carol Bobek.
- Harris asked that Ellen & Suzanne facilitate the retreat discussion.

Nominating Committee Activation:

- Harris will send email to members asking of their interest in serving on the Board and reminding them of UUBC Bylaw requirement that Board members be voting members, i.e. must make an annual pledge and attend 25% of services.
- Harris distributed a UUBC member list showing Board eligibility based on these factors.
- He will convene Nominating Committee to develop slate of Board members for election at January congregational meeting.

Arkansas UU Justice Ministry: Carol Bobek, UUBC representative to Arkansas UU Cluster and also Arkansas UU asked the Board approve—

- Justice Ministry Covenant. Consensus to approve.
- Karen Tucker as second UUBC representative on Arkansas UU Justice Ministry. Board consensus to approve.

Book Sale Update/UUBC Lending Library:

- Kathy reported books have been returned to UU inspirit Bookstore, noting that we can order books and other items at 40% discount for lending library and to sell at 'Book Table.'
- Suzanne recommended we start with a small lending library and, at this time, limit the number of books to those that will fit on our hymnal cart.

Website: Suzanne reported concerns website changes requested have not been made.

Banner Update: No action.

Logo: No new information.

Action Items: Kathy noted that these items have not been addressed and, after discussion, these decisions were made:

- Current Duties Documentation—Remove
- Master Document Definition—Remove
- Revise Skills Survey—Remove. Suzanne made suggestion that Board members talk individually with members and others who attend about what they want to do to support UUBC. Note: Suggestion came from 'breakthrough congregation' recognized at GA for implementing this process with their congregation.
- Set Up Smiles Option with Amazon.com—Kathy will set this up and also bring to Board list of options with other internet providers that could result in income for UUBC.

Meeting adjourned. **Next meeting December 20.**

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Miltich, Secretary