

Unitarian-Universalists of Benton County World Cafe March 29, 2015

Summary Chart

Within UUBC

- **Clubs**
 - Movie
 - Culture
 - Adventure
 - Men's Group
- **Parents Meet with Sunday School Teachers**
- **3 Day Vacation Weekends "Party On"**
- **Meetings Before or After Services (Activities Interests, etc.)**
- **Do More With Seven Principles(Understand and Use them more)**
- **Pay Someone to handle email, social media, marketing updates**
- **Create a Retention Plan to Reach out to those who don't come as often**
- **Bring back potlucks**
 - Add Community Aspect
 - Have Speaker on Topic

Outside UUBC

- **5k Marathons**
- **Outreach to Other Churches**
 - Share ideas/common ground
 - 5th Sundays: Visit other churches /other faiths(churches, mosques, temples)
- **UUBC Community Facebook Page**
- **Community Gardens**
- **Adopt A Highway/Park/Bike Path**
- **Fund Raisers - Donate to Charities**
- **Painting w/a Twist**
- **Brewery Tours**

Appendix I.

Building Community Within UUBC

- Men's Group, Let Men pick topics
- UUBC Book Club, a.k.a. Discussion
- Music
 - For Service to Assisted living people
 - Choir lets people know each other
 - Would like 70's music rather than traditional
 - Cherries' great--Variety
- Forum e.g. before service; aim at non UUs
 - Class for Adults meet on lobby or classroom 10:15-10:45; Check UUA for study guide.
- Continue Discussion Group c.f. Jeff's
- Do Survey of congregation on World Cafe's report
- Dinners for eight or six w/coordinator; meet in private homes
- Start a teen group
- Start a Young Adult group
- Make a Retention Plan via Activities to Encourage/Foster Relationships
 - Publish a schedule of outside events/nterest groups
 - Make a plan to contact those who have visited but not attended for a while
 - Send out update to come back
- Activities Group with Coordinator (Each group could pick a month for sampling by others.)
 - Hiking
 - Yoga
 - Crystal Bridges Culture Group
- Education and Outreach
 - 3-4 x/year - Saturdays
 - Social/sharing for common ground
 - 7th day Adventists-Nutrition
- Potlucks allow mingling; include 10 minute talk on community issue or what's important to each attendee
- Movie Nights--but don't talk much

Building Community Outside UUBC

- Community Outreach
 - E.G. 1st Christian Church Outreach for Inter-Faith Alliance (Chandra has contact)
 - Explore other churches; partner with them. e.g. mosque, temple
 - Float Trip/Clean-up Elk River
 - Hobbes Clean-up

(Different colors used in Appendix I reflect each of the three sessions.)

Appendix II.

Building Community Within UUBC

- Movie Night Outdoor at Metfield or Bentonville
- Game Night
- We Need Organizer for Social Activities/Clubs
- More family Social Activities outside
- Before Sunday Service Have a Ted Talk or other discussion, e.g. a book in another room at L.E.
- Parents Meet with Teachers and Learn Curriculum
- 5th Sunday after church visits vs Service Projects
- Getting to Know You--Introduce Selves; Who am I? My Interests, family, where you've lived, etc.
--Monthly potluck w/UU-learn
- 7 Principles--How Do We Reinforce Them in Outside World;
Explore What We Mean by "that" Principle
- Kids Program--A Service Project involving 7 Principles, involving family
- Christmas Rituals
- Meditation Group w/Jeff/Barbara Lingle
- Yoga Group w/Chandra
- Continue with UU-Learn

Building Community Outside UUBC

- First Friday Participation
- Pack Shack/Meal Packing Parties

Appendix III.

Building Community Within UUBC

- Pay Someone to Make a Regular Newsletter and Send Weekly(?) emails and Update Facebook, Website, etc.
- Desirable that One Person Can Communicate easily w/Entire Group (Not clear to scribe whether this meant "Each Member" or "Designated One")
- Membership Requirement
 - Question Requirement for UU Lessons
 - Recommend People with Longtime UU Participation in other UUs have the UU History Requirement Waived
 - Mixed Feelings/Misunderstanding Regarding Membership
 - UUBC History Should Be Available Regularly
- Have Seasonal Themes for Social Time
- Conduct Survey to Get Input on Internal and External Community Interests
- Re-Instigate Social Nights
- Create Clubs for Special Interests
 - Create Sub-Group for People in Need
- Vacation/Retreat for ~3 days (Beaver Lake beach houses?)
- Love UU-Learn; Would Like to See It Continue
- What Do You Do As a Fellowship to Eliminate Hurt and Suffering?
- Caring and Sharing Need Help
 - Need Follow-up and Help w/Retention
- Potluck Sunday
 - Eliminate and go to other religious services (Mosque/temple)
 - Maybe Have Occasionally
 - Still Need Social Talk Time

Building Community Outside UUBC

- Emphasize Volunteer and Community Work in Regards to Membership
- Do More with Outside Community; Project/Mission
- Community Garden--Would Like to Investigate
- Participate in Interfaith Alliance sponsored by 1st Christian Church at Christmas time

Appendix IV.

Building Community Within UUBC

- Create Clubs
 - Movie Club
 - Culture Club
 - Hiking Club
 - Adventure Club
 - Supper Club-Dinners for 8
 - Book Discussion
- UU-Learn: Consider Pursuing 7 Principles
- Potluck: Add Short talk by outside or UUBC speaker
- Music
 - Do Members like Choir?
 - Would Choir Members Participate in Weekly Practice
- Lake Parties in Summer
- UUBC Community Facebook Page

Building Community Outside UUBC

- Volunteer for Hwy Clean Up
- Participate with Omni Center in Fayetteville
- Conduct Social Service Sundays
- Sponsor Area-Social for UUs of NWA
- Use 5th Sundays to Visit Other Religious Organizations

Appendix V

Building Community Within UUBC

- Painting w/a Twist (men & women)
- Brewery Tours
- Biking Outing
- Dining Club
- Museum Outing
- Adventure Club
 - Hobbs State Park
 - Canoe Trip
 - Hiking Club
 - Yoga Class-Outdoors monthly
- Additional Groups
 - Teens, Men, etc.
- Kids Activity
 - Yoga
 - Play Date
- Visit Whiskey Still
- Add Music
- Permanent Spot for UUBC - Apply for Loan

Building Community Outside UUBC

- Attend Festival of colors
- Habitat for Humanity
- Tornado season - work in damaged area, help
- Participate 5k Marathon (Mud Run) May 30th
- Music Volunteering-Sing at Care Centers, etc.
- Community Gardening
 - Teach Classes
 - First Saturday every month
 - May 3rd "got dirt"
- Volunteering at First Friday or Farmers Market as Fundraiser for Charity
- Adopt a Highway in High Traffic Area
- First Christian Church Interfaith Service (Represent UU)
- Visit Other churches/mosques/temples every 5th Sunday

Appendix VI.

Building Community Within UUBC

- Greeting
 - Closer to Front Door
 - Visit Further in
- Potlucks
 - More Often/Regular
 - Include Program w/speaker for Our Group
- More Group/Special Activities
 - Book Group
 - Adventure Group
 - Social
 - After Service Sessions but Someone Must Take Responsibility
- Kudos to Program Team

Building Community Outside UUBC

- More Group/Special Activities
 - Good work in Community
- Community Garden
- Music
 - Go Out to Places
- 5th Sunday-Visit Other Churches