

**Notes from UUBC Advisory Board Meeting**  
 Thursday February 12, 2015  
 Harris McKee's Home, 5 Cunningham Ln  
 Bella Vista 72715



**NEXT MEETING: To Be Scheduled.**

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| <b>February 12 Attendees</b> |                 |            |              |
| Lauren Galle                 | Michelle Harvey | Jim Jensen | Julie Jensen |
| Harris McKee                 | Hannah Roberts  |            |              |
| <b>Absent</b>                |                 |            |              |
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**Action Items**

|   | <b>Issue/Action</b>                  | <b>Responsibility</b> | <b>Status</b> |
|---|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| 1 | Prepare Financial Report for website | Jim/Harris            |               |
| 2 | Revise Skills Survey                 | Lauren                |               |
| 3 | Charter Sunday Execution             | See Item 4 below      |               |
| 4 | World Cafe Planning                  | Julie                 |               |
| 5 | Master Calendar Options              | Michelle/Lauren       |               |
| 6 | Master Document Definition           | Lauren                |               |
| 7 | Set up Smiles Option with Amazon.com | Harris                |               |
| 8 |                                      |                       |               |

1. Action Item Review
2. Leader for Feb 22 Service  
 Lauren agreed to lead the Feb 22 Service. Julie will forward suggested script. Harris will take Order of Service to Hannah.
3. Treasurer’s Report including multi-month Income/Expense..... Jim  
 Treasurer Jim presented a seven month cash flow summary from July 1 through January 31 comparing most recent data with year ago. The data show a running rate of about \$2600 per month and a good balance between Inflows and Outflows.
4. Charter Sunday Details ..... Michelle
  - a. Michelle will lead the Charter Member recognition immediately following the homily.
  - b. Badges: Julie will present the Charter Member Badges to all whose Membership was identified by February 15th.
  - c. Photo: We will take group photo of Susan Smith and all Charter Members present immediately following the service Closing.
  - d. Flowers: Harris will pick up a flower for each attendee that will be offered at the end of the service.
  - e. Email Reminder: Harris will send email to Charter Members in the week preceding March 1st reminding them of March 1 celebration.
  - f. Logistics of Name Tags: Julie will deliver order to Wizard Works before leaving for trip and Harris will pick up finished Name Tags by February 27.

5. Prospective Member Status update ..... Harris  
We reviewed the status of prospective Members noting 26 fully qualified, and three pending. An additional six were identified who need only UUBC History qualification and assignments were made to follow-up with each. Thirty members are needed to be able to qualify as a Unitarian-Universalist Congregation.
6. Workshop with Susan Smith Update ..... Lauren  
Susan Smith will deliver the homily on March 1. She will lead a double workshop on February 28<sup>th</sup> at Little Einstein oriented toward developing our next steps as a congregation. All members and friends of UUBC are invited for the morning session. All leaders and prospective leaders are invited to an afternoon session. (Participants should bring a sack lunch.) Erin Rogers will provide child care. Doors will open at 8:30 and workshop will begin at 9:00 a.m.
7. Expanding Social Clubs at UUBC ..... Hannah  
The UUBC book club has proved to be a great way to build social connections. Increasing the number of clubs should strengthen the community. This will be major focus of World Cafe on March 29th.
8. **World Cafe**--"Building Community". We want to encourage people to talk about what they would like to be a part of, and provide suggestions in advance. Key--ongoing events are the goal. How? Ask for suggestions? Start Promoting it--5th Sunday of March, 11:00 - 12:30. Need to resolve whether to have food and how, e.g. Potluck? Pizza again? Lunch Bunch?
9. Status of Updating UUBC Directory on Website..... Lauren  
Lauren will repost the Directory and will bring a hard copy to UUBC for members to update their information.
10. Skills Survey--NFTR..... Lauren
11. Master Documents-progress report--NFTR ..... Lauren
12. OMNI Center Annual Dinner Invitation Feb 21st..... Harris  
UUBC has been invited to Attend the OMNI Center Annual Dinner. Announcement will be included at February 15 service.
13. Secular Policy Institute Invitation to UUBC..... Harris  
We have been invited to join the Secular Policy Institute, an organization created by 30 prominent secular leaders including Sam Harris and Richard Dawkins. They note: "*We call ourselves atheists, agnostics, humanists, or freethinkers. We come from all backgrounds, and we are just like other people, except that we don't believe in God. Worldwide, there are more than a billion people who don't have a religion, so it's surprising how often we are misunderstood and marginalized. In the developed world, we are excluded from public debate, and the subject of prejudice from governments, businesses, and our own families. In the developing world, having no faith or the wrong faith can get us killed by our neighbors or courts. Our concern is not directly with religions or religious people. We oppose religious thinking, the kind of blind faith that ignores facts about the world, and substitutes a gut feeling or an ancient and heavily interpreted text. People everywhere expect courtroom decisions to be based on reason and evidence, not divine inspiration. Why not make every government decision on the same basis?*"

-Advisory Board agreed to make organization information available to UUBC but not to join as a congregation. Information is available at: <http://secularpolicyinstitute.net/>

14. Smiles, Amazon.com Charitable Contribution Program--NFTR ..... Harris