

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF BENTON COUNTY

Governing Board Minutes
July 28, 2015

Attending: Lauren Galle, Michelle Harvey, Harris McKee, Suzanne Miltich, Tony Potochnik, with Kathy Rogers attending last part of meeting.

Absent: Hannah Roberts, Julie Jensen, and Jim Jensen

	Issue/Action	Responsibility	Status
1	Arrange Workshop with Susan Smith	Lauren	Scheduled for October 3rd
1	Check out Back-up Plan for Aug 30	Michelle	
2	Improve publicity on TED Talks	Lauren	
3	Current Duties Documentation for Lauren	All except Harris	
4	Meet with Roger Joslin	Julie/Harris	
5	Master Calendar Options	Michelle	
6	Master Document Definition	Lauren	
7	Set up Smiles Option with Amazon.com	Harris	
8	Revise Skills Survey	Lauren	

Harris welcomed new Board members and provided a brief orientation, reviewing—

- Board meetings: Organization, 90-minute duration, scheduling via Doodle.com, etc.
- Yahoo group for Board communication
- Liaison role with teams

Action Item Review

1. Canvass follow-up w/former pledgers—Jim followed up and got pledges from 3 of 6; others left the area.
2. Meet with Roger Joslin regarding sharing the church the Bentonville Episcopal congregation plans to build/is building—No further action taken
3. Financial/Budgeted--
 - a. UU Workshop @Little Einstein—No FU at this time; we are not paying for 5th Sundays, and Jim decided better to regard payment as \$600/month than ask for refund for UU Workshop cancelled b/c of weather.
 - b. Advertising
 - i. Peekaboo cancelled because of no response; last advertised in July issue.
 - ii. Lauren placed ad in Democrat-Gazette special Northwest Arkansas NOW supplement, Sunday, July 26.
4. Current Duties Documentation—
 - a. Harris provided listing of activities he does for:
 - i. Church opening and closing on Sunday
 - ii. Administration
 - b. No other descriptions were provided

5. Master Calendar Options—Michelle is working on Master Calendar outlining activities such as canvassing, etc.
6. Master Document Definition—
 - a. Lauren is updating
 - b. Duties descriptions will be used in this process
7. Smiles Option w/Amazon—No further action taken on this, which will provide a small income stream from Amazon orders completed through Smiles Option.
8. Revise Skills Survey—Lauren is developing this survey of congregant's skills to share and also determine how each member can best contribute to church needs.

Election of Officers—Board agreed on election of the following:

President	Harris McKee
Vice President	Julie Jensen
Treasurer	Jim Jensen
Secretary	Suzanne Miltich

Treasurer's Report

- See report for cash flow comparison of 2014 and 2015 expenses to date.
- Pledges:
 - 2014—27 six-month pledges totaling about \$16,000
 - 2015—23 full-year pledges totaling \$26,890

Other Items

- Proposal from Rick Billetier—Sunday, 6 pm weekly social gathering, Bella Vista Lake. Consensus is that he wait until September to begin and start with monthly gatherings.
- TED Talks—
 - Rick is doing TED talk, 10 am, Sunday, Little Einstein. Original plan was 2nd and 4th Sundays; however, TED talk is being shown most Sunday's.
 - Attendance has been poor, and Suzanne noted that members are not aware of this activity; it has not been announced or otherwise publicized. Lauren will work with Rick and get information on topics for website.
- **Simplification of Teams/Workshop:**
 - Harris noted that Julie had suggested we needed a team specifically addressing membership. In response, Lauren remembered Susan Smith had suggested that many churches opted for too many teams and that we should consider consolidation of teams. In view of this input, we deferred any decision on teams.
 - From Lauren's notes, According to Susan Smith you only need 4 committees:
 - Worship
 - Faith development
 - Member in-reach/outreach
 - Stewardship: building, finances, etc.
 - This led to decision to reschedule Susan Smith ASAP. Lauren subsequently received a commitment from her to lead a Workshop on October 3 and a service on October 4.

Next Meeting: No meeting is planned for August. Next meeting will be in September.