

Unitarian Universalists of Benton County

Board Meeting Minutes

#5 Cunningham Lane, Bella Vista

March 16, 2016

Present: Jim Jensen, Julie Jensen, Suzanne Miltich, Harris McKee.

Absent: Michelle Harvey, Lauren Galle, Tony Potochnik, Hannah Roberts, Kathy Rogers.

Treasurer's Report:

- Jim reported sending statement via email
- Jim reviewed comparison with last year's expenses
 - Unclear on pizza purchase, identified as Charter Sunday
 - Jim noted Democrat Arkansas Gazette fees mistakenly shown paid as Miscellaneous expense rather than Miscellaneous Advertising.
 - Harris recommended new line item for UUA fees.

Update on UUA Membership: Application submitted and received. We were asked to submit 2016 expenses, Harris provided budgeted expenses. UUBC application will be submitted to the UUA Board when they meet April 15.

Calendar for Elections and Canvass/Pledge Drive: Canvass kick-off scheduled for Sunday, April 3. Board discussed whether to ask for members who would like to be considered for the Board and for the 2017 Nominating Committee. Decision made for Board members to speak with individual members who may be interested and are qualified as Board members and to be on Nominating Committee for 2017. Nominations for both will be taken from the floor at the Annual Meeting in June.

Attendance Review: Harris presented bar graph showing attendance for most Sundays in 2015 and thought attendance graph showed no significant consistent differences in attendance related to the differing formats for each Sunday in the month.

World Café:

- The following suggested topics were discussed: Becoming Our Best Self, Becoming the Best Family-sized Congregation, Who Do We Want to Be, Where Do We Go from Here, A Year from Now, UUBC: The Future, Putting Our Best Foot Forward.
- After a review of topics, decision was made to focus on 'Becoming Our Best Self,' and use format in which each of three discussion rounds will answer the questions, "What do need more/less/same of to be our Best Self?"
 - First Round "What do we need more of?"
 - Second Round "What do we need less of?"
 - Third Round "What do we need the stay the same?"

Sunday Service Schedule:

- Julie reviewed Sunday Programs attached to Agenda.

- Suzanne confirmed Art Hobson as Topic Forum speaker on April 17, speaking on climate change.
- Also confirmed was Dawn Harris, Humanist Celebrant, for May 1. Her title is “Why Is There Something Rather Than Nothing.” Dawn has previously spoken at UUBC and is part of the UU congregation in Little Rock. Tony and Suzanne heard her deliver this same message when visiting there last summer.

Cluster Meeting Representation, Hot Springs 29-30: Neither Lauren or Carol, who have been representing UUBC at Cluster Meetings, are available. Tony & Suzanne will be in Hot Springs for another meeting just before Cluster Meeting and will stay to attend.

Membership Team Update:

- Suzanne reported that Ellen Bell & Kate McWilliams are co-chairing this team. They met with Mary McKee on March 6 and again with Mary, Harris, and Suzanne on March 11. Note: Mary & Suzanne have been meeting for a couple of months to lay the groundwork for the Membership Team.
- At the March 11 meeting, the list of members and others who attend/have attended UUBC services was reviewed with special attention to those no longer attending. A decision was made about whether or not to contact each person, and individuals attending agreed to call specific people, reporting to Ellen results of their contact.
- Ellen, as co-chair of the Membership Team, did not wish to include social activities as part of the team’s responsibilities. Note: Mary & Suzanne had identified this as something important for member retention and, as such, structured it to be an activity of this team, along with attendee follow-up, caring and sharing, and hospitality and greeting.
- Board made decision to resume monthly parties, and a member will be selected to coordinate these parties at homes of members and others who attend UUBC.

Samaritan Community Center Programs: Carol Bobek & Ellen Bell will be visiting the Samaritan Center in the near future for a tour and to determine their religious nature.

Directory Update: Noted that Jake & Melissa Riegel moved to Wichita.

Action Item Review: Suggestion box is finished, and this item removed from list.

Action Items

	Issue/Action	Responsibility	Status
1	Current Duties Documentation for Lauren	All except Harris	
2	Master Document Definition	Lauren	
3	Set up Smiles Option with Amazon.com	Harris	NFTR
4	Revise Skills Survey	Lauren	

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Miltich, Secretary