

Unitarian Universalists of Benton County

Board Meeting Minutes

#5 Cunningham Lane, Bella Vista

May 5, 2016

Present: Lauren Galle, Michelle Harvey, Jim Jensen, Julie Jensen, Suzanne Miltich, Harris McKee, Kathy Rogers.

Absent: Hannah Roberts

Treasurer's Report:

- Jim will send bank statement via e-mail. He reported expenditures in last period about \$80 over income in the same period.
- Pledges:
 - To date seven pledges made totaling \$10,000 with 3 of 7 pledges increased.
 - Concerns expressed about pledges and lower 2016 attendance; Jim estimated 75-80% of 2015-16 pledges have been paid.
 - Agreement to send members on June 1 a note of thanks for their current pledge along with how much of their pledge has been paid.
 - Board discussed possibility of fundraising and different ways of soliciting pledges. Harris reported canvass team by another church with team members talking to assigned members about their pledges. Michelle recommended hiring a marketing consultant to increase outreach.
 - Current expenses of \$2,700/month were discussed with reference to amount R.E. teachers are paid for small number of children now attending. Michelle suggested charging parents for Religious Education. Others noted this is usually volunteer activity, at least in part, with Director who coordinates volunteers.

Board Size Review: Decision made to decrease Board size to six members.

Nominations Update:

- Board
 - Current candidates are Richard Bland and Joe DeRouen, who advised Lauren of his interest in being considered for the Board. Ellen Bell withdrew her candidacy.
 - Decision was made for Julie to leave the Board and for Hannah to continue as Board member for a three-year appointed term, thus making a six-member Board. If she does not wish to continue for 2016-17, Richard will be asked to be candidate. General consensus was that we will ask Joe to contribute in another way at this time.
- Nominating Committee: The following members have been or will be asked to serve 2017-19: Carol Bobek, Julie Jensen, Tony Miltich, Harris & Mary McKee.

Annual Meeting: Decision to hold Annual Meeting on June 5, 2016.

Sunday Service Update: Including additions since last review

- May 22, Arkansas UU Cluster Meeting report, Suzanne Miltich
- May 29, Memorial Day picnic possible; Kathy will investigate this.

- June 5, Judi Neal, Edgewalkers
- June 19, Jon Comstock, JD, Comstock Conflict Resolution Service
- June 26, Open
- July 3, Rev. Betty McCollum, Ret. UU Minister, Adjunct Professor, ASU
- July 17, Open
- July 24, Open

UUA Membership Celebration: Decision was made to celebrate Sunday, July 17; Julie will invite Christine Purcell to attend as our Primary Contact with the UUA Southern District.

Arkansas UU Cluster Meeting: Suzanne & Tony Miltich attended the cluster meeting April 29&30 hosted by the Unitarian Universalist Church of Hot Springs. Suzanne reported briefly on the meeting and asked that a report be given to the congregation at a Sunday service. The next cluster meeting is scheduled for September 30&October 1, is hosted by the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fayetteville, and will be held at Mt. Sequoyah in Fayetteville. UUBC has been asked to support UUFF in hosting the meeting, and Suzanne will be touch with their contact person regarding this. She gained a lot from the meeting and asked that we encourage our congregation to attend the cluster meeting in Fayetteville.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Miltich, Secretary