

# Unitarian Universalists of Benton County

## Board Meeting Minutes

#5 Cunningham Lane, Bella Vista

June 29, 2016

Present: Jim Jensen, Julie Jensen, Suzanne Miltich, Harris McKee, Hannah Roberts, Kathy Rogers.

Absent: Lauren Galle, Michelle Harvey.

1. **Election of Officers:** The following officers were selected and agreed upon:

President	Harris McKee
Vice President	Kathy Rogers
Secretary	Suzanne Miltich
Treasurer	Jim Jensen

Harris reminded the Board we are transitioning to the time for election of Board members specified in our Bylaws and will again be electing new Board members in January. At that time, Harris is leaving the Board, and we will again select officers.

2. **Board Liaisons for Teams:** The following Board members agreed to serve as liaisons for the teams shown—

Administration	Harris
Membership	Suzanne
Worship	Suzanne
RE	Hannah
Social Activities	Kathy
Social Justice	Kathy

3. **Treasurer's Report:**

Pledges reported	2015	24 Pledges	\$27,000
	2016	22 Pledges	\$24,000

Jim reported seven pledges were lost from last year and four gained this year. He presented cash flow comparison and reconciliation. Jim also advised Board of opportunity for insurance against terrorist attack and Board decided against purchase.

- Proposed music budget was presented that accommodates decreased funds; this included not having live music in July and August and reduction in funds for choral music purchases and Music Coordinator's fee to \$70/month and. Changes accepted by Board.
- Hannah presented proposed changes in R.E. budget to accommodate decreased funds that includes paying one teacher and helper each Sunday \$50 and \$15, respectively, with \$15 budgeted for materials each week. She noted that this plan was developed by our teachers, who are taking a cut in pay. Plan accepted by Board.

4. **Children's Religious Education:**

- Hannah reported that Shannon is looking for a curriculum for early elementary students, as the curriculum now used is for preschool children.

- OWL's (Our Whole Lives) sex education program was discussed, noting that Linda Farrell is interested. We talked about beginning this program with the help of trainers from UUFF. Kathy would like to start a class for older children and teenagers.

#### 5. **Sunday Service Schedule**

- Celebration of UU Membership: Christine Purcell, Congregational Life Staff, UUA Southern Region, is not available for celebration and asked that we schedule w/o depending on her being with us. Decision was made to have celebration along with Ellen and Suzanne's GA Report on Sunday, August 21. Note: Following our meeting, Ellen and Jeff agreed to reschedule Tate Lake Party, and decision was made for UU Membership and GA Report to be rescheduled to Sunday, August 21, and Lake Party rescheduled to Sunday, July 31.
- Schedule for July shown below reflects the noted change. Also note that Rev. Betty McCollum originally scheduled to speak on July 3 will not be with us that date b/c of a family need.
  - July 3— GA Sunday service will be shown.
  - July 10—Discussion Sunday
  - July 17—Speaker from GA service or meeting TBA
  - July 24—Elk River Clean-up TENTATIVE
  - July 31—Tate Lake Party

6. **UU Book Fair:** Kathy proposed we have a UUBC Book Fair as fund raiser. She has investigated doing this, working with 'inSpirit', the UUA's online Book and Gift Shop. They will send titles from Beacon Press and Skinner House Books for us to display on scheduled day for members and others to browse and order or make purchases on site. Kathy provided a handout with details about the Book Fair. Board agreed to this, and event will be scheduled for a Sunday service. We talked of informing UUFF and EUUF when scheduled.

7. **Cluster Meeting:** Suzanne learned from Cas Rifkin, UULR, at GA that Lauren resigned as our representative on the AR Cluster Steering Team. Since returning from GA Suzanne has emailed Lauren to confirm her resignation but has not gotten a response. She suggested that Carol Bobek, UUBC's representative to the AR Cluster, represent us on the Steering Team. No objections to having Carol represent us were voiced. Note: Since the meeting, Lauren has confirmed her resignation, and Carol has contacted Dane Nielson, UUVU, Steering Team Coordinator, to inform him she is UUBC's new representative on the Cluster Steering Team.

#### 8. **Other Issues:**

- **Board meeting day/time:** We agreed to have Board meetings on a regular schedule and will begin meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. Note: After our meeting, we agreed to change this to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday. Next meeting schedules July 17.
- **UUBC Banner:** Ellen and Suzanne were asked to co-chair a Task Force to develop a banner for us by the time of next year's General Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Miltich, Secretary