

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF BENTON COUNTY

Board Meeting

#5 Cunningham Lane, Bella Vista

January 5, 2017

Present: Lauren Galle, Jim Jensen, Harris McKee, Suzanne Miltich, Kathy Rogers

Absent: Hannah Roberts

Treasurer's Report: Jim reported November 1 beginning balance of \$23,627.79 with closing balance of \$26,289.90 end of December. He reported that our pledge to UUA was not up-to-date, and payment had been made only for the one month an invoice was received. Harris noted that UUBC pledge of \$1,600 was to be paid in monthly installments and recommended Jim pay pledge owed to date and then being making monthly payments as planned.

Sunday Service Schedule

- January 8 Burning Bowl Ritual let by Suzanne Miltich
January 15 Discussion Sunday—New Year's discussion as follow-up to Burning Bowl and at least one other group yet to be determined, probably 'The Positive Power of Negative Thinking' led by Jim Young and/or 'Science & Spirituality' led by Tony Miltich.
January 22 "Grace Without God" talk by Harris McKee on book of the same name.
January 29 Potluck with program, possibly Adult Religious Education focused

Religious Education: No report.

Review of Board Retreat: Suzanne reviewed decisions made at Board retreat as follows:

- 1) Continue meeting each Sunday with format similar to that we now have with these changes,
 - a. 2nd Sunday: Include a 3rd discussion group based on neither homily nor topic forum with another topic added when discussion is not needed as follow-up to Topic Forum.
 - b. 4th Sunday: Possibility of Adult Religious Education and brunch.
- 2) Explore using services from the Church of the Larger Fellowship as way of providing more services with Unitarian Universalist ministers.
- 3) Talked about looking for another space, and Jeff will contact First Presbyterian in Rogers about using a large space they have.
- 4) Concerns expressed that website is not being kept up-to-date. Kathy will begin posting to website; Suzanne will meet with Kathy to share her review of website and changes that need to be made; Kathy and Suzanne will contact Joe to let him know Kathy will be posting services, etc. to website, as well as making changes requested in website review.

Nominating Committee:

- 1) Harris reported he has spoken with each member of the committee that included himself, Carol Bobek, Julie Jensen, Mary McKee, and Tony Miltich, and consensus was reached on a slate that includes Richard Bland, Ellen Tate, Karen Tucker, and Winnie Shanor, all of whom agreed to serve on the Board. Congregational meeting for election of Board members was scheduled for January 22 following the service. Harris will advise UUBC members of date and purpose of Congregational Meeting according to provision in Bylaws.
- 2) Nominating Committee has agreed to wait to replace Harris and Mary on the committee.
- 3) On a related note, Harris presented Board Succession Schedule through 2019.

Church of the Larger Fellowship: Suzanne reported that she and Julie have both looked into this and are not yet clear on expense involved in using their services. Suzanne has contacted Sara Prickett, ministerial intern working in Little Rock with the Church of the Larger Fellowship, for help with this and has not heard back from Sara who has time-sensitive requirements later this month that are part of her theological program at Meadville Lombard. Suzanne will contact Christine Purcell, UUA's primary support for UUBC, for help using services from the Church of the Larger Fellowship.

Website: Suzanne met with Kate Benson to report decision made on retreat that Kathy will begin posting on website. Harris reported that he has not yet informed Joe of this, and Suzanne and Kathy will follow-up with Joe to let him know.

Banner Update: No action.

Logo Update: No action.

Set Up Amazon Smiles Option: Kathy reported needing more information to do this, e.g. EIN, non-profit status, etc., information that Jim has, and they will coordinate to set this up.

OWLs:

- 1) Kathy is trainer for Grades 10-12 training in Fayetteville, which will be held January 14-15 and February 4-5.
- 2) OWL Steering Team is looking for location for facilitator training in Northwest Arkansas in 2017, and Kathy would like this to be a location in Benton County. Several suggestions were made, including Benton County School for the Arts; NWACC, possibly through Nursing program; using a church Friday & Saturday with Sunday training in another location. Kathy will follow up on these.

Meeting adjourned 7:30 pm.

Next meeting: To be scheduled for February after election of Board members.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Miltich, Secretary