

# UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF BENTON COUNTY

## Board Meeting

#5 Cunningham Lane, Bella Vista  
September 20, 2016

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

**Absent:** Hannah Roberts

**Treasurer's Report:** Jim reported a current balance of \$22,828, which is close to balance reported at last month's meeting. He reminded Board that we are paying Little Einstein for four Sundays a month, whether or not we meet there. Note: We have not met there three Sundays this summer, July 31, August 28, September 4.

**Minutes:** Jim moved that minutes be approved. Kathy 2<sup>nd</sup>. Minutes approved.

**Sunday Service Schedule**—Suzanne reported that October schedule changes because of availability of speakers. Schedule at this time is:

- October 2 – Jeff asked to provide homily, either about the First & Second Principles; the film, Defying the Nazis; or a topic of his choice.
- October 9 -- Discussion groups
- October 16 – Karen Taymore will provide Topic Forum related to how we can get along with friends, neighbors, and family in this election year.
- October 23 – Potluck & discussion following up discussion groups of 9/25/16,
- October 30 – Trail clean-up in Bella Vista

Note: After Board meeting, Jeff emailed to say his homily topic will be the First & Second Principles as they relate to our getting along with others.

**Religious Education:** Harris reviewed Hannah's report sent via email, saying teachers are self-sufficient, though she is in touch with them via email and Facebook to organize who is teaching and lessons taught, noting they are finding more on the UUA website.

Hannah also noted she has not been able to put a lot into the program this past year.

Concerns were expressed about programs for children seven years and older. Kathy suggested Jennifer, who usually attends when not with the children, work with older children who are there on a Sunday she is in church. Kathy agreed to volunteer when needed, and Suzanne also suggested volunteers help with this. Materials on UUA website were mentioned as a source of programs for older children.

**Cluster Meeting:** Nine to ten UUBC members will be attending meeting at Mt. Sequoyah in Fayetteville, Carol Bobek, Joe DeRouen, Jim & Julie Jensen, Suzanne Miltich, Jeff & Ellen Tate, Karen Tucker, Kate McWilliams; Kathy Rogers may attend on Saturday. Suzanne asked that we cover registration cost for social media team members who were encouraged to attend this

meeting that focuses on communication, within and without. She will cover Kate's registration. Lauren moved UUBC cover Joe's registration. Kathy 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

We will take our InSpirit book sale there on Saturday, and Kathy will organize this. If she doesn't attend, she will coordinate with Suzanne on book sale, and we will need help of others to keep this open during breaks.

**Membership & Social Media:** Suzanne reported that Ellen Bell may not continue as co-chair of Membership Team; she will talk with Ellen again when she returns from trip. Kate began scheduling Greeting Team last month; Kate, Mary, Carol, and Suzanne make up a Greeting Team that has been serving as greeters for the past few months, though not on a regular schedule during the summer. Harris stressed that greeters need to learn to use the label maker for new attendee name tags. Suzanne will work with greeters to ensure they know how to do this.

Suzanne noted that she has met with Kate and is working to schedule meetings with Lauren and Joe to review where they are with Facebook and the website, respectively. Kate will also be included in these meetings. Harris noted changes needed on the website: change photo of charter members and change 'Advisory Board' to 'Board.'

Lauren suggested we have a monthly newsletter. Harris noted that UUFF has a weekly email that gives information about activities for the week. No decision made about proceeding with either of these ideas. Lauren advised UUBC also has a Twitter account that is not actively used.

**Board Planning Retreat:** After review of calendar, decision was made to schedule retreat on Sunday, October 23rd, following the potluck. We will invite former Board members still a part of our congregation to join us on retreat. Retreat will follow the discussion that morning focusing on reports from directed group discussions from September 25. Retreat location to be determined.

**Bylaw Review:** Harris reported that only Jim had responded to request at last Board meeting to send him suggestions for revision of bylaws and that Jim's recommendations, e.g. typos, can be handled without amending bylaws. Board agreed to omit October congregational meeting as allowed by Bylaws.

**Banner:** No update.

**Logo:** No update.

**Miscellaneous:** Lauren reminded Board of site she has set up for ordering items with UUA logo: [www.CafePress.com/uubc](http://www.CafePress.com/uubc). Noted that this needs to be on website and Order of Service.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Miltich, Secretary