

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF BENTON COUNTY

Board Meeting

#5 Cunningham Lane, Bella Vista

October 18, 2016

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

Absent: Lauren Galle

Treasurer's Report: Jim reported income for September was about \$1,000 less than expenses; however, when asked to provide more information, he advised that income usually varies from month to month because of pledges. He reported \$77 refund from Church Mutual because of no claims on liability insurance they carry.

Minutes: Distributed electronically for review.

Sunday Service Schedule:

October 23 Bella Vista Lake Train clean-up and picnic

October 30 Congregational discussion to follow-up directed discussion groups

Note: Harris will bring large pads for recording ideas from discussion.
Suzanne will locate easel to use with pads.

November 6 Rev. Tom Simota speaks on gratitude

November 13 Discussion groups on Rev. Simota's homily and Karen Taymore's topic forum in October

November 20 "What Did Jesus Really Say?" Jeff Tate, on the Jefferson Bible

November 27 Thanksgiving potluck

R.E. Report:

- Intergenerational program-- Hannah reported she is working with Jennifer who would like to offer this program before Sunday services. Based on 'Tapestry of Faith' from UUA, it would include children of all ages and adults who wish to attend. This is seen as way to provide programming more appropriate for children seven years and older, who would then attend services with their family.
- OWL Program—
 - OWL training: Kathy reported plans for Grades 4-6 training early next year and has been discussing this with Theresa Youngblood.
 - OWL facilitator training: She has also spoken with Theresa Parrish who is part of Steering Team working to plan facilitator training in Arkansas.

Board Planning Retreat: Rescheduled for Sunday, November 6, 4 pm but subsequently postponed. When we select date satisfactory to board members, Suzanne will invite former Board members still part of UUBC, Carol Bobek, Julie Jensen, Tony Miltich, and Jeff Tate.

Harris will locate place to meet in Bentonville.

Book Sale Update/UUBC Lending Library:

- Kathy reported sales of \$650, with about two-thirds of purchases made at the recent UU Arkansas Cluster meeting in Fayetteville.
- Julie had suggested and Kathy proposed buying some books before sending back to InSpirit UU Bookstore, noting that we would get a 40 percent discount on books purchased. These books would then be used to start a lending library.
 - Discussion of ways to store and ‘check out’ books.
 - Kathy will send to Board members a list of books available; they can then make suggestions for purchase.
 - No decision made about amount to budget for this.

Banner Update: Suzanne advised that Chris Delacruz, the artist among us, has been included in the ‘banner team’ and posted on UUBC Facebook a proposed design, asking for comments.

Logo Update: Suzanne advised that Chris, who designed logo based on suggestions from social media team, knows of need to include fellowship name in the design.
No action at this time.

Other Issues:

- **Board/Voting Member Eligibility**
 - Harris reminded Board of 25% attendance requirement for voting members and, thus, Board members. This was in reference to Lauren’s email advising that she is busy with new job, not able to attend tonight’s Board meeting or be available on Sunday, and asking for clarification on requirement.
 - Hannah had also advised in her email before last month’s Board meeting that she is considering stepping down from the Board because of her busy schedule.
- **Board Election** will be held in January in order to be on schedule outlined in Bylaws.
 - Discussion of who leaves the Board in addition to Lauren and Hannah, who have expressed a need to step down and/or are not meeting attendance requirement because of schedule.
 - Harris presented secession plan developed when Board election was held in June 2016, and Board discussed who from appointed Advisory Board would continue. No decision was made. Note: Harris and Jim served on appointed Advisory Board and have continued on Governing Board along with elected members.
 - Harris, who is on the Nominations Committee, will convene this group to select slate of Board members for election in January.

Next Meeting: November 15, 6:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Miltich, Secretary