

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF BENTON COUNTY

Governing Board Meeting  
December 3, 2015

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

Absent: Michelle Harvey, Tony Potochnik, Hannah Roberts.

**Action Items from October Meeting**

	<b>Issue/Action</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Status</b>
1	Suggestion Box Construction	Jim	
2	Improve publicity on TED Talks	Lauren	
3	Current Duties Documentation for Lauren	All except Harris	
4	Master Calendar Options	Michelle	
5	Master Document Definition	Lauren	
6	Set up Smiles Option with Amazon.com	Harris	NFTR
7	Revise Skills Survey	Lauren	

Item #1 addressed and Jim has box for suggestions that needs to be ‘dressed up.’ Kathy offered to help with this.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Board Treasurer, Jim Jensen

- Reported that expenses were \$230 more than receipts last month
- OWL expenses have been reimbursed
- Financial reports submitted, including October Reconciliation Summary and YTD Cash Flow Comparisons. Discrepancy between 2014 and 2015 noted to be because of music.

**Cluster Meeting:**

- Lauren Galle and Carol Bobek will serve as contacts for cluster meetings; others may attend as well.
- Meetings are typically quarterly

**Membership Team Update:** Mary and Suzanne have begun meeting to develop a plan for and start a Membership Team.

- Suanne reported team functions that have been established:
  - ✓ Hospitality/Greeting
  - ✓ Social Events
  - ✓ Caring & Sharing
  - ✓ Attendees follow-up
- They have also begun working on items considered urgent—
  - ✓ Phone calls inviting to Christmas party people whose attendance has decreased this year
  - ✓ Planning social events

- Suzanne presented bubble diagram showing how membership recruitment and retention are related to other areas that are responsibility of other teams, such as outreach/ community visibility, Sunday services, charity/social justice/force for good, etc.

**OWL Training:** Kathy and Hannah attended this training early November in Oklahoma City, Hannah attended facilitator training for elementary and Kathy attended training for grades 7-9; it's done over several sessions; two facilitators recommended for each class, male and female, and we would need to pair with UUF to do this.

- Discussed including others groups outside Unitarian Universalists, including United Church of Christ, unchurched parents, progressive parents in the Bentonville Schools. Harris suggested exploring these groups regarding their interest.
- Kathy suggested Hannah may be able to do monthly sessions on Sunday morning with our elementary children.

**UUBC Member Applications:**

- Applying for membership: Joe DeRoen and Ellen Bell, who was member in FL
- Decision made to recognize new members on January 31, 2016.
  - Information about membership will continue to be in OOS and announcement will be made in church.
  - At January 31 service, program will provide information about UUBC covenants.

**UUA Membership:** Harris noted that, for UUBC to become a member of the UUA, these items must be submitted for review and approval by the UUA Board of Trustees.

- Application
- List of charter members; must have minimum of 30
- Articles of Incorporation
- Bylaws
- Application fee
- Letters of recommendation
- Covenanting documents and practices

The UUA Board meets April 15 and, if application can be made by March 15 and approved by Board at their April meeting, UUBC will be recognized at the 2016 General Assembly.

**Spirituality Group:** Julie reported the group had completed and discussed the book, "Spirituality for Skeptics. Next meeting will be December 10 when they will watch and discuss films from Spiritual Cinema. She reported eight people met in November.

**Sunday Services:** Julie reported on speakers for upcoming Sunday services—

## UUBC Sunday Schedule

<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Topic</b>
Dec 20	Jeff Tate	Would Jesus Celebrate Christmas
Dec 27	UU Learn	The Stirrings of Compassion
Jan 03		New Year's Gathering
Jan 10	Judie Neal, CEO of Edgewalkers	Living Your Noble Purpose
Jan 24	Jeff Tate	1st in Series on Mature Love
Jan 24	Discussion	
Jan 31		Member Recognition Sunday
Feb 21	Jeff Tate	2nd on Mature Love
Mar 20	Jeff Tate	3rd on Mature Love
Mar 20	Equinox	
Mar 27	Easter	
April 3	Jim Parrish	
April 17	Art Hobson	Climate Change—Not confirmed
April 24	Earth Day/Potluck	