

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Chico Board Meeting

August 20, 2019

Attendance: Board: T.W. Theodore, Merrily Stover, Tom Lewis, Dave Keller, Bob Crowe and Courtney Singer
Absent: Danetta Cox-Cordova
Others: Bryan Plude, Lucy Sperlin and Jane Quan-Bell

1. T.W. gave opening words. Dave was appointed the process person.
2. **Approval of Minutes** – Merrily *moved that the July 22, 2019 minutes be approved.* S/Tom; *unanimously passed.*
3. **Treasurer's Report** – See attached financial statements. Lucy informed the Board that the files need to be backed up, but paper copies need to be made before Power Church can back up the files. There will be a change to a simpler Chart of Accounts.

Bryan suggested to give the congregation a summary of the finances in the newsletter.

4. Issues for Discussion/Decision

- A. **2019 Stewardship Campaign Final** – Bob reported that \$93,629 was pledged for this fiscal year. Last year's pledge was \$87,954. Bob also reported that 19 units increased their pledge by 5%, 4 units decreased their pledge, 6 units made no commitment, and there were 5 new members.
- B. **2019 Budget Review Status** – The Finance Committee will meet next week to review the budget and look at ways to increase pledge income
- C. **Bookkeeper Search** – A search for a bookkeeper will begin.
- D. **Building Security Policy** – Tom submitted the attached draft as a policy. *Dave moved that the policy remove Steps 5-7 with the understanding that the policy can be amended next month. Merrily suggested that paragraph (i) be added to include program leaders or authorized users.* *Dave accepted the amendment.* S/Courtney; *unanimously passed.*
- E. **Use Permit** – T.W. has the comprehensive folder from Angela Risdon. Bryan gave a brief history of the user permit issue. About 2 years ago a neighbor complained to the City over the noise level of an evening event. The City agreed that UUFC was in violation of the Use Permit. The Use Permit was not done with professional help and was very limiting. Geoffrey Wood and Bryan spoke with Evangelical Free Church and Redeemer Lutheran Church and negotiated some items with the City. The City advised UUFC smooth things over with the neighbors. Bryan feels that enough time has elapsed and can now pursue a new Use Permit. He believes professional help is required. He

suggests that one person volunteer to do the research in what is involved in getting a new Use Permit, for example, what is the cost, what is the procedure? Then the person will bring recommendations to the Board.

T.W. asked the Board to come up with names and their qualities that make that person a good candidate to do the research.

F. RE Coordinator – Courtney reported that one person is interested. Adrienne Edwards will advertise at CSU Chico. Bob suggested putting the job opening on the website. **Courtney will talk to Danetta to get a job announcement out and will meet with the Finance Committee to see how much money is available. Lucy will find out how much was paid to Jeni Drake.**

G. Art Donation by Marie Hubbard – *Tom moved to accept Marie Hubbard's art work. S/Bob; unanimously passed. T.W. will ask Danetta to write a thank you note to Marie.*

H. Board Liaison Assignments – The following people are liaisons to the respective committees:

Worship – Courtney
Shared Ministry – Bryan
Finance – Lucy
Stewardship – T.W.
Adult RE – Merrily
Youth RE – Courtney
Social Justice – Bob
Membership – T.W.
Music – Dave
Buildings and Grounds – Tom
Sunshine – Tom
Fellowship (Dinners for 8, etc.) – Dave
Fundraising Events – Dave
Hospitality – Merrily
Security System – Tom
Use Permit – T.W.
Capital Improvement – Open
Camp Fire Fund – T.W.
Special Campaign – Dave
RE Hiring - Courtney

I. Board Retreat – Will be Sunday, August 25 at the Youth Hall from 12-6.

J. Next Board Meeting Date – will be September 17 at 6:30.

K. Sacramento UU Funds – Bob reported that \$5,000 was received from Sacramento UU. He met with Mary Collins and they will purchase a new microphone and some sound panels for the Sanctuary.

5. Issued Carried Over

- A. Review of Draft “Charge to the Committee” –**
- B. Online Giving – Tabled to next month.**
- C. Resilience Resources Update –** Bryan reported that 3 groups are running and another 7 will be up and running in September.
- D. Camp Fire Fund Progress –** Tabled to next month
- E. Board Member Insurance –** Tabled to next month

Bryan gave closing remarks. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. The next meeting will be September 17 at 6:30. Minutes recorded by Jane Quan-Bell.

Minutes submitted by:

Danetta Cox-Cordova
Secretary