

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Chico Board Meeting

December 17, 2019

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

1. T.W. gave opening words. Tom was appointed the process person.
2. **Approval of Minutes** –*Danetta moved that the November 19, 2019 minutes be approved. S/Courtney; unanimously passed.*
3. **Minister's Report** – Please see attached Minister's Report. Bryan will submit the report for the summer and September next month.
4. **Treasurer's Report** – Please see the attached Treasurer's report. Danetta moved that *Dave will be the third signature on the Umpqua Bank accounts. S/Tom; unanimously passed.*

5. Issues for Discussion/Decision

- A. **Bookkeeper** – Lucy reported that Jenni Merrell will be the Bookkeeper. Bryan thanked Lucy, T.W., and Jan Spangler for all their work in getting the new chart of accounts
- B. **Use Permit** – Angela Risdon and T.W. drafted a proposed schedule with Bryan editing it. **T.W. will email to the board the proposed schedule of activities at the UUFC facility for their input.** The proposed schedule will be discussed at next month's board meeting.

Tom will be the liaison to the neighbors and see if there are any on-going concerns. Bob has volunteered to be the liaison with the Planning Department, **but the board has not appointed him. This position will determine the schedule to get the use permit and what documents are needed to obtain the use permit.**

Tom will talk to the neighbors and set up a meeting to discuss what UUFC is planning.

- C. **Welcoming Congregation** – Bryan needs someone to take on the 3-4 month task to become a Welcoming Congregation. Responsibilities include attending a few meetings, showing a film or webinar, and including some things during the Sunday service.
- D. **Brian Kraemer** – **Angela will inform Brian that he is not to use the email list except for official church use.** The Committee on Shared Ministry

should come up with a policy for using the email list for official church use only.

E. Accularm – Tom stated that the Accularm bill will include \$50/year for an app that he can use on his cell phone. Up to 4 people can use this app. This app will allow the user to lock and arm the doors. The yearly bill will be:

\$491.00 yearly fee
\$ 50.00 yearly fee for app
\$541.00 – Total

F. Work Party - Tom reported that people showed up even in the rain to help with the yard work. The board decided that an Esthetics Committee would be an ad hoc sub-committee under the Buildings and Ground Committee.

G. Maintenance Bids – Tom will get bids for replacing the roof, repairing the fence, and repairing the plumbing.

6. Committee Check In

A. 2021 Committee Budget Requests – The Finance Committee will meet on January 14 and look at the budget for next year. T.W. asked the Board liaisons to find out what budget their respective committees want and the purpose of those funds. T.W. requested this information before the January 14 meeting. The Finance Committee consists of T.W., Bryan, Lucy, Jan Spangler, and Dennis Daniel.

The Annual Congregational Meeting to approve the proposed budget will take place in April prior to Bryan's sabbatical.

B. Worship – They are finishing up their charge. They meeting monthly.

C. Shared Ministry – Meets monthly but needs a full committee. Currently there are 3 people

D. Finance – Trying to maximize earning of the monies. They meet monthly and will send out the end of the year letters.

E. Stewardship – Dave Strohmeyer is chair and will send out a letter in January to ask for their commitment to pledge time and talent to the church. In February, there will be weekly testimonies during the Sunday service. February 29 will be the kick off fundraising dinner.

F. RE – Courtney will have a RE meeting on January 26. She will also have oversight on Adult RE and Children RE. Dannetta and Adrienne Edwards work on the Children RE. There are a good number of children attending.

G. Social Justice – The committee's focus is to get the vote out. The Tiny House that was purchased is on hold due to a lawsuit against the Simplicity Village.

There will be a webinar on January 12 on UU and the Vote.

They want the donations for the next quarter to go to 6th Street Center for Youth. **Jane will include in each E-News the total to date of the plate collection going to the charity of that quarter's choice.**

H. Membership – There are ushers and information at the table. The website will be upgraded. Margaret Aumann is working on a new format for the E-News.

Prospective New Member meeting will be every 2 months after the first Sunday service. The next meeting will be February 2.

I. Music – Dave reported that Mary Collins coordinates the pianists, the guitar trio, and the sound booth techs who are Dave, Dave Singer, Angela Risdon, and Jeff Sachs.

J. Sunshine – will meet in January. The committee consists of Pam Sachs and Tom.

K. Fellowship – Dave reported that there is no committee. He tries to plan an activity monthly. He will reach out and get a committee together.

L. Fundraising – Dave reported that there needs to be a committee set up. The Auction is coming up.

M. Hospitality - Bonnie Bennett has been organizing the refreshments for Sunday services.

N. Sabbatical – meets every other week to get a timeline. They plan to meet with the fellowship and explain the timeline.

O. Special Fund – Followup with the committee needs to happen.

P. Review and Approve Committee Charges – Tabled to next month

Q. January Newsletter Article – Courtney will write the article

R. Next Meeting – January 21 at 7:00 pm.

6. Other Issues

A. Board Member Insurance – Tabled to next month

B. Annual Report – Tabled to next month.

Bryan gave closing remarks. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm. The next meeting will be January 21 at 7:00. Minutes recorded by Jane Quan-Bell.

Minutes submitted by:

Danetta Cox-Cordova
Secretary