

# Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Chico Board Meeting

## July 21, 2020

Attendance: Board: Dave Keller, Bob Crowe, Pam Sachs, Sharon Stallings, Bonnie Bennett, Susan Bachlor, and Courtney Singer

Others: Lucy Sperlin, Sonja Sukalski, Ken Mitchel, and Jane Quan-Bell

Absent: Bryan Plude

1. Dave gave opening words. Bob was appointed the process person.
2. **Introduce New Board Members** – Courtney provided a bingo game as a way to get to know the board members.
3. **Approval of Minutes** – The June minutes were amended to reflect Susan Bachlor being present at the meeting. The June minutes were approved and accepted as amended.
4. **Treasurer's Report** – Lucy explained elements of the Balance Sheet. The financial statements will be reviewed more thoroughly at the Board Retreat.
5. **Issues for Discussion/Decision**
  - A. **Election of Officers** – *Bob moved that Courtney be the Vice President and Pam be the Secretary. S/Susan; unanimously passed.*
  - B. **Appoint Member to Finance Committee** – Susan was appointed to be a member of the Finance Committee which meets monthly for about 1-2 hours. *Courtney moved that Lucy be made Treasurer. S/Sharon; unanimously passed.*
  - C. **Reach Out to Young Adults** – Bonnie volunteered to start a task force to get more young adults involved in the church. Courtney recommended that the Board read the COIC Report “2020 Responsive Resolution: Supporting and Investing In Youth and Young Adults in Unitarian Universalism” (which she would email to everyone) and gave suggestions on how to make young adults feel more welcomed. **Courtney will email the COIC Report to everyone.**
  - D. **Donate Building Space to Census 2020** – Dave will give the Census 2020 a tour of the Fellowship Hall for their training of census takers. The training would occur from July 28 through August 1. The neighbors will be informed.
  - D. **By-Law Change to include Electronic Meetings** – **Dave will send a draft of the By-Law change to the Board.**
6. **Other Issues**
  - A. **Buildings and Grounds** – Bob reported that the door to the Sanctuary has been repaired and the locks work. He painted the pulpit. Window coverings

are being tested. Jeff Sachs will meet with Accularm since there have been false alarms. There is a possibility of installing security cameras. The fruits and vegetables from the garden are available to anyone.

- B. Use Permit** – T.W. will remain on the committee to revise the Use Permit. A revision will be presented to City Planning once the shutdown is lifted.
- C. Rent to Other Churches** – Dave gave a brief overview of what churches are charged and where they are meeting when they don't have their own facility. **Dave will write a draft policy for renting to churches.**
- D. Need 20/21 Stewardship Committee** – Dave has requested that people recommend individuals who could serve on the Stewardship Committee. The Stewardship Committee would then decide if it is viable to pay for a stewardship consultant.
- E. Endowment** – In 2011, Ken agreed to lend money to the church from the Mitchel Family Endowment so that Tri-Counties Bank would lend money for the construction of the Sanctuary. He thought the loan was to be paid back in 5 years. So far, only \$2,500 has been paid back. Ken states that the loan should have been paid back in 2017 based on an amendment in his possession. The Board recommended that the Endowment Committee receive and review all the documents and make a recommendation to the Board.
- F. Youth RE** – Courtney reported that they hope to train someone for OWL.
- G. Adult RE** – Courtney reported that there is a book club meeting. Bonnie, Pam Courtney and Angela Risdon will write cards to the RE kids and tell them how much they are missed.
- H. Pastoral Care** – Tabled to next month
- I. Social Justice** - Tabled to next month
- J. Sabbatical** - Tabled to next month
- K. Worship** - Tabled to next month
- L. Others** - Tabled to next month
- M. August E-News** – Bob will write the next article
- N. Board Retreat** – will be via Zoom on August 22 & 23, probably 2 hours each session. It was suggested that maybe have 2 sessions on the 22<sup>nd</sup> with a break in between. **Dave will send out an agenda for the Board Retreat and a vote can be made later as to whether to have 2 days or 1 day for the retreat.** Items to cover but not limited to are:
  - a. Learn about each other's passion to determine committee liaisons

- b. Develop a mission and a mission statement
- c. Identify Social Justice activites, e.g. UU to Vote, Black Lives Matter
- d. Stewardship
- e. Financial orientation

**O. New Committee Liaisons** – Tabled to next month

**P. Next Meeting** – August 11 or 18 at 7:00 PM. The board will decide later.

Dave gave closing remarks. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm. The next meeting will be August 11 or 18 at 7:00. Minutes recorded by Jane Quan-Bell.

Minutes submitted by:

Pam Sachs  
Secretary