

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Chico Board Meeting
February 16, 2021- DRAFT

Attendance: Board: Dave Keller, President. Bob Crowe, Pam Sachs, Sharon Stallings, Courtney Singer, Lucy Sperlin and Susan Bachlor
Absent: Bonnie Bennett
Others: Bryan Plude, Ken Mitchel, and Jane Quan-Bell

The meeting was called to order by the President at 7:02 pm.

1. Dave gave opening words.
2. **Approval of Minutes** – *Susan moved that the January 19, 2020 minutes be approved with changes. S/Pam; unanimously passed.*
3. **Committee Reports** – See attached Committee Reports.
4. **Treasurer's Report** – See attached financial statements. Lucy reported that the church is 58% through the fiscal year and has received 65% of the targeted pledges. Expenses are at 56% of the budget. Bryan sent the information to Bud Swank who facilitated last year's stewardship drive. He suggested that the church celebrate achieving \$102,500 pledges.

Dave reported that he applied for a \$17,600 PPE loan through Umpqua Bank two weeks ago.

Bob will ask for help in going through the equipment on the property so as the reflect those assets in the Balance Sheet.

Bryan explained that the Minister's Discretionary Fund is \$10,785.37 because the Social Justice Committee recommend that some of the Camp Fire Funds go to the Minister's Discretionary Fund.

Bryan reported that the Finance Committee will meet February 17 to get a draft budget for 2021-2022.

5. Issues for Discussion/Decision

- A. **Closed Session began at 7:24 and concluded 8:10.**
- B. **Conestoga Huts** – Bob requested the term Conestogal Huts be referred to as Micro-Shelters. Bob, Bryan and Social Justice Committee requests the Board give a consensus to have them work on setting the roles and responsibilities or the Church when having the Micro-Shelters on site. They will bring their research to the Board and the Congregation. There was a unanimous vote for those members to do the research on the Micro-Shelters.
- C. **Draft Response Letter regarding the Endowment** – *Dave will draft a letter for the Board's review that will formally be sent out addressing the issues of the Endowment.*

D. Stewardship – Bob, Sydney Wilde, and Lucy will have a Soup Supper on February 27. They will deliver the soup dinner to the lead donors. A Zoom meeting will follow at 7:00 pm.

March 5 – letters with pledge forms will be in the mail to the majority of the donors.

March 7 – Bryan will kick off the Stewardship Drive during that service.

March 21 – Final celebration with a Zoom session with everyone.

Donors who have moved out the area will be contacted. Lead donors, majority of the donors, and new people will be contact to explain the pledging process. The theme is “On the Road to Home”.

E. Mid Year Evaluation – Dave has agreed to run for president during the 2021-2022 term. He would like feedback on how he is doing. Dave asked the Board to consider how the church is operating. He stated that there is leadership gap on committees. Is the Church doing too much with the number of people in the congregation. Should some committees be combined.

Bryan is working more than $\frac{3}{4}$ time. To alleviate Bryan’s time, Angela Risdon will attend the Interfaith Council meetings for Bryan. This is a couple of hours a month. Megan Johnson will edit the E-News. Pam suggested that Bryan not attend the Pastoral Care Committee meetings. She can send Bryan a summary of the meeting.

F. March Newsletter – **Susan will write the March article.**

G. Website – Margaret Aumann is working on the website and needs more narrative to be added to the website explaining various areas of the Church and it activities. Lucy will submit a history of UUFC to Margaret.

H. Board Process – Courtney suggested that there should be a process for members to address issues to the Board. It was agreed that guests could attend the Board Meetings at 7:20 allowing time for the Board to meet before guests arrive.

I. Board Development Classes – Dave reported that the classes will be on Wednesdays in March.

J. Chalice Lighter Grant – Bob suggested that the Board think of items that could be requested in the Chalice Lighter Grant which provides \$5,000 to \$10,000 in funding.

Bryan gave closing remarks. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm. The next meeting will be March 16 at 7:00. Minutes recorded by Jane Quan-Bell.

Minutes submitted by:

Pam Sachs
Secretary