

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Chico Board Meeting

August 17, 2021

Attendance: Board: Dave Keller, President. Bob Crowe, Pam Sachs, Susan Bachlor, David Strohmeyer, Sydney Wilde, and Courtney Singer

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

The meeting was called to order by the President at 7:20 pm.

1. Dave K. gave opening words. Ken Mitchel requested (1) that the strikes be reviewed for disruptive behavior policy and (2) that the By-Laws be changed so that the accused has recourse or a method to respond to the strikes.
2. **Jane will send Dave K. a list of portions of the Annual Report that are still missing entries.**
3. **Approval of Minutes and Committee Reports** – See attached Committee Reports. Sydney *moved that the June 15, 2021 minutes, the July 20 Minutes, and the monthly committee reports be approved. S/David S.; unanimously passed.*
4. **Treasurer's Report** – See attached financial statements. Lucy reported that the CD has been rolled over. UUFC has received the forgiveness of the PPP (Paycheck Protection Program) loan. Dave clarified that the Fair Share is now renamed Annual Program Fund and is based on financials and membership from two years ago. One of the criteria is looking at the expenses compared to the size of the church.
5. **Issues for Discussion/Decision**
 - A. **Summer Service Recap** – David S. reported that people seemed happy to gather in person. Approximately 20 people attended each session. He plans to present a summary of the Summer Discussions at the September 5 discussion session. Dave S said it's taking about an hour to pre-cool the sanctuary before morning services and asked we consider a/c with a remote control one can turn on at home.
 - B. **Returning to Services** – **Pam will write an e-announcement regarding wearing masks and vaccinations. She will also include a statement about eating refreshments outside.**
 - C. **Hybrid Service** – Dave K. stated that a video camera capable of zooming in on a speaker was purchased and is set up in the back of the Sanctuary. The camera and AV equipment came to about \$560. We will use it this Sunday at 9:30 for Bryan's hybrid service.
 - D. **Hiring Zoom Technician** – There is approximately \$900 in the Sanctuary Improvement Fund and \$2,114 donated that is available to hire a technician.

- E. Hiring Pianist** – Christina Perske has accepted our offer to be the pianist and her hire is now contingent upon the contract being signed. She will work 3 Sundays a month. One Sunday will be supplemental to the guitar group. A contract needs to be written for her signature.
- F. Temporary Parking for Mobile Shower** – *Pam moved that the mobile shower North State Shelter Team (NSST) built can be stored temporarily on the church property. S/David S.; unanimously passed. Bob will inform NSST.*
- G. Disruptive Behavior** – **Sydney, Dennis Daniel, Bryan, Courtney, and Dave will draft a statement on how to return to covenant.** They will also consult with the regional representative.
- H. Agenda Items for Board Retreat August 28 at 9 am** – Dave K. suggests the agenda include the challenges to the budget for the upcoming years, considering different growth scenarios. How to increase the volunteerism with the congregation to help with committee work was also another topic for the agenda.
- I. Authorize Dave Keller as a Signer on Sierra Central Account and TD Ameritrade** – *Pam moved that Dave Keller. be a signer on the Sierra Central account and the TD Ameritrade account. S/David Strohmeyer.; The motion passed unanimously.*
- J. September Newsletter** – **Sydney will write an article.**
- K. Watering the Garden** – **Jeff Sachs will check with Adrienne Edwards regarding the amount of water needed to water the garden.** There was discussion regarding the high water bill. It could be that the toilets were running, or that there is a leak.

Dave K. gave closing remarks. The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 pm. The next meeting will be September 21 at 7:00 pm. Minutes recorded by Jane Quan-Bell.

Minutes submitted by:

Pam Sachs
Secretary

Amendment to the Minutes

1. Lucy suggested adding Susan Bachlor as another signer on the Sierra Central and TD Ameritrade accounts.
2. Dave K. suggested removing Lori Brooks, Jan Spangler, and Tedo Best from the Sierra Central Account.