

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Chico Board Meeting

March 7, 2023

Attendance: Board: Lucy Sperlin, President, Sydney Wilde, Bob Crowe, Beverly McMillan, Susan Bachlor, Dave Keller, Courtney Singer, and Pam Sachs

Staff: Rev. Bryan Plude and Jane Quan-Bell

Guests: Angela Risdon and Dave Strohmeyer

1. The Board meeting was called to order at 7:17 pm by President Lucy Sperlin. She read a covenant. Courtney was appointed the process observer.
2. **Approval of Minutes and Committee Reports** – *sydney moved that the February 16 2023 minutes be approved with changes. S/Bob; unanimously passed.*
3. **Treasurer's Report** – See attached financial statements.
4. **Minister's Time** – See committee reports. Bryan stated that New Members will be recognized in the March 12 service. There are about 8 or 9 new members.

Bryan also received a request from a young lady from Davis who wanted to know if UUFC will host a YRUUP (Young Religious UU) event. He doubts it since there are no children at UUFC.

5. **Tri-Counties Mortgage Loan** – See the Treasurer's Report.
6. **Sexual Harassment Training** – There are members of the board who are in the process of completing the training.
7. **Issues for Discussion/Decision**

A. Use Permit Funding – North Star Engineering declined to offer aid in resolving the Use Permit issue due to conflict of interest. *Susan moved that UUFC contact the City of Chico that UUFC will go forward with the Use Permit. S/Beverly; unanimously passed.* Approximately \$2,200 will be needed to go before the Planning Commission. There is a possibility of getting a free consult with an attorney.

B. Minister's Study Leave Hours – *Sydney moved that the excess 47 hours used in vacation time be credited toward Bryan's unused study leave. S/Courtney; unanimous passed.*

C. GA Registration Fees – *Beverly moved that \$650 be used to pay the registration fee for GA. S/Sydney; 5 Yes, and one abstained.* Angela Risdon will go in person and her fee is \$350. Courtney will attend via Zoom and her fee is \$300.

D. Sunday Meeting ‘To-Dos’ – **Pam will make the slide for the mission statement.** There will be an update on the ministerial search. **Dave will talk about the budget for a minister.**

E. Ministerial Search – The Ministerial Search Committee will comprise of Megan Johnson, Angela Risdon, Meg Brady, and courtney.

It is proposed that a half time contract minister is needed at \$56,000. There will also need to be consideration for a housing expense.

A brief closed session followed.

F. Website – www.uuchico.org is back as UUFC’s URL. Bob stated that the owner of the URL needs to be out of David’s Singer’s hands. The church needs to own it. The Board will also pay David Singer for his work. He has not yet submitted an invoice.

G. Finance & Stewardship – The Stewardship drive will start at the end of march and go through mid-April. The Stewardship Committee will comprise of:

Bob Crowe
Courtney singer
Lucy Sperlin
David Strohmeyer
Wayne Shems
Merrily Stover

The Finance Committee comprises of:

Dave Keller
Bob Crowe
Susan Bachlor
Lucy Sperlin

H. Paint Free Be Free – *courtney moved that UUFC support Luke Lucas’s Paint Free and Be Free program starting the third week in March. S/Pam; unanimously passed*

I. E-News – *courtney moved that the E-News be published every 2 weeks and every week will be a service announcement sent via MailChimp. S/Pam; 5 yes and 1 No.*

J. Congregational Meeting will be May 21, 2023.

K. E-News - Dave will write the Board Musings for April.

The next meeting will be April 20 at 7:00. The meeting was adjourned at 9:17. Minutes recorded by Jane Quan-Bell.

Minutes submitted by Pam Sachs, Secretary