

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Chico Board Meeting

April 20, 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

The Board meeting was called to order at 7:16 pm by President Lucy Sperlin.

1. **Approval of Minutes and Committee Reports** – Sydney moved that the March 7, 2023 minutes be approved with changes. S/Susan; unanimously passed.
2. **Treasurer's Report** – See attached financial statements.
3. **Minister's Time** – See committee reports. Bryan attended a funeral for Ali Sarsour with 6 other UUFC members. Bryan also recommended that the Minister's Discretionary Fund be available for the next minister
4. **Stewardship** – Dave reported that approximately \$91,000 has been pledged which is about 92% of the proposed budget. He believes that 99% of the proposed budget can be achieved.
5. **Use Permit** – Bryan reported that some progress is being made, but that two local firms who might have helped have turned us down because of conflicts of interest. Bob stated that \$2,200 will be needed to go before the Planning Commission if UUFC decides to proceed. Bryan suggested that we would like to find an attorney outside of Chico who is experienced in land use law to write a letter referring to the Religious Land Use statute. He hopes that this letter could help ensure that the Planning Commission rules in our favor.
6. **Building and Grounds** – Bob reported that \$930 was spent to repair the pipes beneath the Fellowship Hall. He anticipates this type of expenditure will occur every 2 years.

Bob reported that Adrienne Edwards has students who could expand the garden and will disassemble the raised bed since they are limiting the growth of the garden. \$1,200 to \$1,500 will be needed for a new irrigation system to the garden.

7. **Ministerial Search** – Courtney stated that Meg Brady is Chair of the Committee, and has submitted to UUA our Congregational profile to advertise for a half time contract minister who will provide 2 services a month. This minister will be a UU minister.
8. **Website & URL Payment** – Payment was made to David Singer for his work on the URL. The original URL will be online in June.
9. **Sexual Harassment Training** – There are a few board members who are still going through the training. Sydney stated that since she's going off the board in June, she will not complete the training since she has done several in the past.

10. **Sound System** – Two of our volunteer sound system operators have found the sound system altered – Jeff found all controls turned on high, and Bob C found it unplugged. Dave will call Havarah to determine if they used the sound system. Pam suggested that maybe the cleaning service by accident changed the sound system controls.
11. **Visions Statement** – Angela Risdon stated that she, Sydney, Courtney, TW Theodore, and Meg Brady met with Melissa James and will meet with various committees to develop the Vision Statement.

12. Items for Discussion/Decision

- A. **Nominating Committee** – Lucy will contact Dave Strohmeyer and get his nominations needed for the Annual Meeting.
- B. **Budget** – Dave, Lucy, Susan, and Bob drafted the proposed budget. The proposed budget will be presented to the congregation at the Annual Meeting on May 21.
- C. **End of Year Celebration** – Lucy will send an email asking for volunteers to help. The celebration is planned for June 3.
- D. **Worship Planning for 23-24** – Angela stated that more volunteers for the Worship Committee is needed. An idea presented is to Zoom in on a local UU church service. Angela stated that the Worship Committee might take on planning the Summer Sunday services.
- E. **Annual Meeting** – An announcement for the Annual Meeting on May 21 needs to be in the May 4 E-News. There will be a link to the website for the proposed budget. The announcement will include the people nominated by the Nominating Committee.
- F. **News** – Pam will write the Board Musings for May and Sydney will write the Board Musings for June.

G. Closed Session Followed

The next meeting will be May 18 at 7:00. The meeting was adjourned at 9:19. Minutes recorded by Jane Quan-Bell.

Minutes submitted by:

Pam Sachs
Secretary