

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Chico Board Meeting

August 19, 2023

Attendance:

Board: Lucy Sperlin, President; Susan Bachlor, Bob Crowe, Dave Keller, Angela Risdon, Pam Sachs, Merrily Stover (via Zoom)

Also present: Kathryn Adams (via Zoom).

This special Board meeting was convened at the end of the 2023-2024 Board Retreat, held at the UU Fellowship. The meeting was called to order at 3:15 pm by President Lucy Sperlin. Angela gave the opening words.

Three items were on the agenda with a fourth added at the last minute.

1). Dave Keller reported that a budget for \$20.00/Sunday for childcare has been approved by the Finance Committee. The person hired would be expected to work for 1.5 hours, from 10:15 – 10:45. Sufficient funds are in the budget to cover this projected expense.

2). Bob Crowe moved : **that the two main thermostats in the sanctuary be replaced.** The motion was seconded.

Discussion: Replacement of current thermostats by Smart thermostats would save energy and better control the temperature in the sanctuary. The thermostats can be controlled, and the situation monitored, remotely. The Janet Foreman room's thermostat would remain as it is and would not be involved in the proposed changes.

Angela proposed a friendly amendment so that motion would be : **That the two main thermostats in the sanctuary be replaced with funds coming from the Fellowship's Sanctuary Improvement Fund.** The amended motion was seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

3) Bob Crowe moved: **that the board approve the hiring of the Plascencia Brothers, to repair and make improvements to the Fellowship's irrigation system, with expenses not to exceed \$3,700 with funds from the Landscape Fund.** The motion was seconded.

Discussion: The Plascencia Brothers were selected to do the work based on the results of research by Adrienne Edwards. She had contacted four companies earlier, and the Plascencia Brothers were by far the most responsive. She has walked the grounds with them, so they are familiar with the situation. Of the 8 zones on the irrigation map, five are no longer working. The original implementation of the irrigation system was installed 20 to 25 years ago, with changes made

around 2000-2003, and again with the building of the sanctuary and paving of the parking lot in 2015. The funds would be provided through a donation from David Strohmeier and Suzan Scott through the Sanctuary Improvement Fund.

The motion carried unanimously.

4) Angela moved: **that the Board form a task force to move forward with a plan for the congregation to study the 8th UU principle, and UUA Article II.**

The motion passed unanimously.

Closing words were provided by Angela. The meeting was adjourned by President Lucy Sperling at 3:40 Pacific time.

Respectfully Submitted,

~Merrily Stover

UUFC Board Secretary.