

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Chico Board Meeting

October 20, 2022

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

Staff: Bryan Plude and Jane Quan-Bell

Visitors: Angela Risdon and Megan Johnson

1. The Board meeting was called to order at 7:12 pm. Lucy gave opening words. Lucy passed out Robert's Rules of Order Cheat Sheet for the Board to use. The board decided that we will raise our hands to be recognized (versus an open conversation). We agreed that this would be more helpful in hearing one another and especially helpful for a Zoom participant. Bob was appointed process observer.
2. **Approval of Minutes and Committee Reports** – *Bob moved that the September minutes be approved as amended. S/Beverly; Unanimously approved.*
3. **Treasurer's Report** – See attached financial statements. Bryan suggested that a loan from the Mitchel Endowment be made to avoid a penalty in cashing the CD. Beverly suggested investing in an I Bond for \$10,000 that is currently giving 9.62% interest for the next 6 months.

Sydney stated that she is hopeful that the \$750 collected thus far in the Dennis Daniel Memorial Fund be used to hire a technician.

4. **Minister's Report** – See the monthly committee reports. Bryan stated that he needs more help with pastoral care (calling and visiting those who are ill). The visiting and counseling needs of the congregation are greater than he can meet. Pam stated that she needs to have someone take over the Caring Committee.

Bryan plans to have a New Members Class on November 20 with the help of Sydney and David Strohmeier. He stated that there are about 15 new people who have been attending services since the beginning of summer. Sydney states that she plans to write personal notes to the new visitors.

Guest Angela Risdon was recognized by the chair and spoke on behalf of the need for a mission statement to guide decisions needing to be made for the future of the church.

5. **Tri-Counties Mortgage Loan** – The 10 years loan ended April 2022 and had 2 extensions. The monthly payment is yet unknown. Renewing the loan is in process. The loan has been paid down to \$100,000 so the church would have better loan terms. Dave hasn't seen an appraisal yet.
6. **Brief Updates on Active Items**
 - a. **Web Training** – Pam has been learning how to work on the website and will be meeting with Margaret Aumann to be further trained.

b. **Employee Retention Tax Credit (ERTC)** – Dave stated that the ERTC is being processed and hopes to hear in 2-3 weeks if it is approved.

c. **Buildings and Grounds** – Bob reported that Adrienne Edwards will finish the Rainbow Project by the first of November. The Rainbow Project will collect gray water in a barrel.

d. Jeff Sachs has solved some of the leaking problems in the irrigation system. However, there are some areas where the irrigation system is broken. Bev suggested that we consider xeriscaping so that our future watering needs are limited to the vegetable/fruit garden.

e. Bob reported that the pergola from David Strohmeyer is being stored temporarily on the property. A decision needs to be made as to whether or not to accept the pergola as a gift. It was decided to hold off on that decision, pending development of new plans for the grounds.

7. **Use Permit – Bob will contact attorney Tim Ferris to get his legal opinion regarding the federal statute on the use of church property.**

8. **Issues for Discussion/Decision**

A. **Auction** – See the monthly committee report. Dave, Pam and Megan Johnson will lead this committee. Pam stated that they will inform the church of the auction plans in November. They will collect auction items in December and have the auction in January –Following the online auction there will be final bidding opportunities on site – in the Sanctuary, possibly with a social event. Beverly suggested a cash bar. Lucy will help with the money part.

B. **Post Congregational Meeting/Task Force Development & Appointment of Chairs** – See attached Congregational Meeting notes taken by Pam. Two task forces are needed: (1) draft a mission statement. Angela Risdon was appointed to chair this task force. Also on the task force will be Courtney, Pam, and Beverly. Interested members/friends of the congregation will be invited to participate (2) Financial Task Force to revisit our financial position and determine steps we could take to provide funds for ministerial services in future years.

9. **Board Musings – Pam will write the article for the November E-News.**

10. **Closed Session began at 8:21 pm.**

The next meeting will be November 17 at 7:00. Minutes recorded by Jane Quan-Bell.

Minutes submitted by:

Pam Sachs
Secretary