

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Chico Board Meeting

May 16, 2024

Minutes

Attendance: Board: Lucy Sperlin, President; Susan Bachlor, Bob Crowe, Dave Keller, Angela Risdon, Pam Sachs, Merrily Stover (via Zoom)
Minister: Rev. Kathryn Adams (via Zoom)

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 by President Lucy Sperlin. Lucy gave the Chalice lighting. Those present gave a brief check in. It was agreed there would be no process observer. Changes to the agenda were proposed and the agenda was agreed upon. Bob **moved that the agenda be accepted**. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Dave **moved that the minutes of April 18 be approved**. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. **Susan moved that the minutes of May 10 be approved as corrected**. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Dave gave the treasurer's report. He noted that we are on target for income. We are 83% of the way through year. A few pledges are still coming in. Dave will send out pledge reminders. In reviewing the Income and expense report, he reported a correction would be made to the tax IRS contribution in Rev. Kathryn's account since some paid-in taxes were actually income. Dave noted a donation of fencing for the garden. Bob remarked that there were expenses for reimbursement.

Minister's Time: Rev. Kathryn reported that The standard worship year is coming toward an end and will conclude on June 23rd with a final service.

There have been no rites of passage requested in the community. Her scheduled travel week in the month of May occurred - with a meeting of the caring committee, a meeting with the board on May 10th, PUUB theology, and the Deep Listening session. The generations discussion of how technology has impacted people, people's experiences, and more largely our society went well on May 9th at 7pm, with deepening relationship. Feedback has been positive for the interval activities. Lay leaders are interested in local events to support death and end of life issues/documentation/planning.

Four lay leaders attended a listening circle training from Dr. Melissa James, our Congregational Life Field Staff. This will support the listening circles on this coming Sunday. This will also support the future implementation of the "Transforming Conflict: The Blessings of Congregational Turmoil," with listening circles. Polarity management and listening circles were processes that resonated with the congregational leaders.

Software Upgrade. Dave reported that the office was making the switch from Microsoft 365 at \$22/month, to a local stand-alone suite at \$50/year. Outlook would remain, Discussion followed.

Search Committee: Pam reported that the Search Committee is proceeding with the search.

Summer Sundays: Agela reported that she and Bev McMillan have received some great ideas for services. Angela plans to have a Juneteenth celebration. The Chico Interfaith Council is proposing a “No-Plastic July” for its members to support environmental concerns.

Building & Grounds: Bob reported that the Fellowship now has hot water, by replacing a worn part on the water heater. He also has arranged for the grass to be cut and cleared from the backside of our property using the landscape services of Chico Rescue Mission to whom we paid \$250 for their recent work. He also used the new debit card to buy a new monitor for the office.

Use Permit: Angela reported that she, Bob, and Lucy had met together to review all the documents associated with the Use Permit issue. In reading letters submitted by neighbors, they could see that some legitimate concerns were raised. They have decided to address these concerns and have another neighborhood meeting. The Use Permit committee is developing a schedule and an action plan. They had a telephone call with Kelly of the City of Chico. The Chico Planning Commission hearing will be in July.

Action: Bob will write the letter to the neighbors.

Action: The neighborhood meeting will be June 7th.

Action: The UUFC committee will follow up with Kelly regarding neighborhood concerns.

Emeritus Status for Sydney, Dennis, & Bryan. Paperwork needs to be submitted to UUA for all three ministers to secure their Emeritus position.

Upcoming activities include the New Board Orientation on June 20. There will be Lay Leaders meetings in the summer and fall. There is a proposal for tables for the various committees on the first Sunday, to let folks know of all the various activities. Lay Leaders will have a chance to renew and refresh, with no assumptions that they will want to stay with the same committees.

Listening Circles. Angela moved that we pay Rev. Alex da Silva Souto \$150 for helping with the Listening Circles after the worship service on Sunday. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The Board held a closed session.

Susan gave closing words. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30

Respectfully submitted,

Merrily Stover,
Secretary, UUFC Board