

Amarillo Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
Board Meeting Minutes-Amended & Approved
January 12, 2014

Members Present: Keralee Clay, Martha Baird, Larry Campbell, Jerry Goebel, BJ Opperman, Eric Berg, Cyndy Walton, Vicki Schoen,

Members Absent: Martin Sauer

Committee Chairs Present: Wendy Hearn, Nancy Stephens, Kristy Fuller, Rick Todd, Marilyn Van Petten

Meeting Called to Order at 12:38 by Keralee Clay.

Minutes: Minutes of December's virtual Board Meeting approved.

Financials: Approved for filing

Income presently at 75% for the program year; expenses currently at 70% for the program year, which includes the expenditures for ADA renovations, without having to move monies from reserves.

Committee Reports:

Financial Committee:

Eric Berg reports that Patty Ward has recommended strongly that a specific goal be set for our upcoming Pledge Drive. The committee suggests \$135,000.00 as an attainable goal that will also be a bit of a stretch for us to reach. Eric also suggests that we include the goal amount in the letter which goes to all members and friends at the beginning of our Stewardship Campaign.

Motion: by Martha Baird to set our Stewardship Campaign goal at \$135,000.00 and that we include that amount in the letter to members and friends. **Motion Approved.**

Stewardship Committee:

There is a need for persons to be named to this committee to manage all the various aspects of the campaign, including the mailings, follow-up contacts with individuals, thank you notes to persons who pledge and any other tasks.

Building Committee:

Our roof needs some repairs and the sidewalk still needs replacement as soon as feasible.

Worship Committee:

Kristy Fuller reports that she is currently recruiting individuals/pairs & groups to perform each Sunday.

Caring Committee:

Wendy Hearn has stepped down from the chairmanship of the Caring Committee.

Membership Committee: Current count is 130 members to be Certified to UUA. There is only one person who has not been attending or in contact with us for several months. **Motion:** by Cyndy Walton to change the status of the person identified as no longer participating from "Member" to "Friend". **Motion approved.**

Old Business:

Nominating Committee

Wendy Hearn will fill the unexpired term of Lillian Webber.

Strategic Plan is undergoing minor cosmetic updates and will soon be ready for on-line publication.

Reimbursement for Committee Chairs

Recommendation by Keralee Clay that we purchase prepaid gift cards for the use of select committee chairs for frequent expenses of their committees. Receipts for the initial purchase of the gift cards will be charged to the specific committee's budget. Receipts of individual purchases should still be turned in to our treasurer for tracking of use.

Community Garden

There remains \$1900.00 from the UUA grant which was given to us for development of Community Gardens. Eric Berg proposes that we donate the money to the High Plains Food Bank for their Community Garden. Eric will contact the High Plains Food Bank.

New Business:

Policy & Procedure Manual

Keralee Clay is working on the Manual and requests that anyone who has documents that might be useful in any way forward them to her development of our policies going forward.

Liason with UUA

Nina Stein has been asked and agreed to help us keep up with pertinent & helpful information coming from UUA.

Social Action Rick Todd presented information regarding speakers suggested by Jerry Stein of the Peace Farm. Their topics are regarding the issues of Israeli/Palestinian peace process. They will be in Amarillo on Jan 30-31, 2014. We are being asked to provide a venue for their talks.

Another speaker is a former Jesuit priest who speaks on the topic of Non-Violent Peacemaking. He will be in Amarillo on May 16. We are asked to provide a venue for the evening, \$250 (half the amount of his honorarium), and a motel room.

Motion: by Eric Berg that we agree to sponsor both of the above events. **Motion approved**

Meeting Adjourned at 1:58pm

Cyndy Walton, Secretary