

Amarillo Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
Board Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2014

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

Members Absent: Martin Sauer,

Committee Chairs Present: Nine Stein, Nancy Stephens, Marilyn Van Petten

Guests: David Green

Meeting Called to Order at 12:29pm by Keralee Clay

Minutes: Motion to accept by Martha Baird. Seconded and **Approved.**

Committee Reports:

Caring Committee:

BJ Oppermann reports that the Caring Committee has sent cards to two ill members and provided two meals for an ill friend following her surgery.

Membership Committee:

Nancy Stephens presented the following persons for acceptance as New Members: John Gay, Chris Hays, Larry Miller, Lydia Miller, Jim Restine, Jackie Restine, John Windham, Cheryl Rogers. Martha Baird **Moved** that the above persons be accepted; motion seconded, **Approved.**

Communications Committee:

Martha Baird reports that some members are still having no success in receiving email or newsletters through Suddenlink, in spite of all her attempts to work through the issues.

Old Business:

Stewardship Party: Keralee Clay proposed that the Stewardship Party be held following The Congregational Meeting and potluck on Sunday April 6, 2014. Keralee will arrange for a decorated cake. **Motion** by Eric Berg that funds from Social Committee be used for refreshments for the Stewardship Party. Seconded, and **Approved.**

Destitute Family Assistance Funds: specific line item has been arranged to track donations intended to assist the family which Claudia brought to our attention last month.

New Business:

Nominating Committee:

Nina Stein presented the following slate of nominees for the 2014-2015 Board of Directors.

President: Keralee Clay

Vice-President: Jerry Goebel

Secretary: Sharon Baker

Treasurer: Mary Kay Wells

Trustees: Jeff Davis and Ed Van Petten

(Martha Baird and Larry Campbell will serve the second year of their respective terms.)

Leadership Development Committee (formerly known as Nominating Committee): Nina Stein; Mo Cuevas, Minnie Venable

Motion by Larry Campbell to accept the above slate of candidates for presentation at the Congregational Meeting on April 6, 2014. Seconded and **Approved**.

SWUUI Awards of Excellence Nomination:

These district awards will be awarded at the District meeting on April 25 -26th in Dallas. Keralee Clay is preparing the nomination details about our Fellowship to submit for consideration by the District officers.

Proposed Amendments to Congregational By Laws:

Keralee Clay suggested the following changes (noted in red) to our By-Laws:

ARTICLE V – MEETINGS The Annual Meeting for the election of officers and trustees and other congregational business shall be in **March or** April of each year, no later than the fourth Sunday **in April**. The agenda of the Annual Meeting shall be publicized at least one week prior to the meeting. The agenda for the Annual Meeting may be publicized by mail, email, telephone or other means as determined by the Board.

ARTICLE VI – ELECTIONS For the purpose of the selection of Officers and Trustees **and the continual development of the leadership**, a nominating **Leadership Development** Committee of three voting members shall be elected at the Annual Meeting. The committee shall submit the nominations for the following year to the voting membership by the third Sunday in March. At the Annual Meeting, nominations may be made from the floor by voting members.

ARTICLE IX – COMMITTEES Section 1: There shall be fifteen **sixteen** standing committees: Aesthetics, Adult Programs, Building, Caring, Children’s Programs, Communication, Finance, Long-Range Planning, Membership, Ministerial Support, Personnel, Publicity, Social, Social Action, **Stewardship** and Worship.

Eric Berg moved that the above amendments be accepted by the Board for consideration by the Membership and voted on at the Congregational Meeting in April. Seconded, Approved

Financial Report:

Eric Berg reported that AUUF has been named as a beneficiary of Nancy Elliot in her Will. He is currently working through the details to arrange for the funds to be transferred to us.

Statement of Financial Position: several line items have been resolved—Community Gardens money was contributed to High Plains Food Bank Garden and extra money collected for purchase of new chairs was moved to the General Fund. Expenditures for all committees and funds balance out. Nine months into our Fiscal year, our income from pledges is currently at 75% of what was pledged. We have made arrangements to draft individual bank accounts and so far only one person has signed up. We will continue to publicize this ability as well as the ability to accept credit card donations.

Proposed Budget: Presented by Eric Berg in the amount of \$153,600. See the attached itemized list. **Motion** by Larry Campbell to accept the Proposed Budget with amendments as presented. Seconded, and **Approved** for presentation to the membership and the Annual Meeting on April 6, 2014.

Meeting adjourned at 1:56pm. Next meeting April 13, 2014 at 12:30pm.

Cyndy Walton, Secretary