

Amarillo Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
Board Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2014

Members Present: Keralee Clay, Jerry Goebel, Sharon Baker,, Mary Kay Wells, Martha Baird, Larry Campbell, Jeff Davis, Eric Berg

Members Absent: Ed Van Petten

Committee Chairs Present: Eric Berg, Wendy Hearn, Maisie Everett, Nancy Stephens, Kristy Fuller

Guests: David Green

Meeting called to Order at 12:30 pm by President Keralee Clay.

Minutes: Martha Baird noted the Emergency Board Meeting last year was June 30, 2013. Eric Berg moved and Martha Baird seconded to approve the amendments to the May 11, 2014 Minutes. Motion passed.

Financials: Eric Berg reviewed end-of- year reports. Although it appeared the pledges were \$14000 short, there was \$30,000 in unpledged receipts. So receipts were 13% more than pledges. Net income was \$7,314.

Nancy Elliott has named AUUF in her will. It may take 18-24 months to settle the estate.

Keralee Clay said 2014-15 pledges are \$146,234.

Eric Berg explained the procedures involved in auto drafts. Keralee Clay will add to the Policy Manual the requirement that two people have the tokens necessary for auto drafts. One will be the Treasurer.

Committee Reports:

Leadership Development: A replacement is needed for Mo Cuevas.

Long Range Planning: Jerry Goebel reported we should have the presentation from the architect on the building project within the next month.

Communications: Ed Van Petten is working on a Word Press update. Martha Baird needs help with the website and the newsletter. Keralee Clay stated we may pay someone to maintain these, as continuity is very important. Martha said she needs articles for the blog, and requested everyone keep her updated on changes.

Children's Religious Education: Vicki Schoen is the new Chairman. More details will be on the website. Whoever goes to Dwight Brown should inquire about Children's RE. It may need to be a paid position.

Caring: Wendy Hearn and Maisie Everett met with Ann Hicks. They need to know of others who want to be on this committee.

Social Action: Martha Baird explained that funds advanced for expenses for Pride Fest in 2013-14 will be returned in 2014-15. For Pride Fest, Martha needs people at the booth on June 22 from 12-6 pm. We may have a project for the children. The food (hot dogs and condiments) are donated, but everyone should bring side dishes.

Membership: Martha Baird expressed concern about Pledge Cards and Visitor Cards being left in various locations. The Greeters should be aware of where to put them.

Worship: Kristy Fuller said Jason Hudson will be assisting her.

Pot Luck: Keralee Clay is going to announce at each month's Pot Luck Lunch that volunteers are needed for the following month. The Social Committee is considering adding "spice" to the Pot Luck Lunches, possibly using a theme and asking everyone to bring a certain type of food. Possibly we may have a cookout for August Potluck. Chris Hayes is working with Cheryl and John Wyndham.

Old Business: Keralee has asked the Moore's to assist Tom Heidler with the Social Action Committee, and is awaiting their response.

A back up is needed for the Treasurer. Martha Baird and Kristy Fuller volunteered.

A chairperson is needed for the Personnel Committee.

The Policy Manual is not finished yet.

New Business:

Keralee Clay asked for a vote, Martha Baird second, that we order a background check on all Children's RE Staff, both volunteer and paid. This will be done by Talentwise.com. The cost per person is \$59.95. Motion passed.

Treasurer Mary Kay Wells said she needs a secure place to work. Several people come in and out of the area when she is counting the collection. Eric Berg moved and Larry Campbell seconded that the Fellowship purchase a laptop with Excel for the Treasurer's use. Motion passed.

The new "Path to Membership" brochure was reviewed. David Green said the Path to Membership meeting format is evolving. Three weekly evening meetings don't work for some people, so there will be a Saturday meeting August 23 for 9 am to 1 pm. Current members are still needed at these meetings to share their experiences.

A Committee Fair will be held at the August 3 Pot Luck to inform members of the Committees and their duties, and request volunteers. The Board discussed ideas on how to get new members to volunteer for a Committee.

Keralee aligned the Trustees with the Committees as follows:

MARTHA: Finance/Stewardship, Caring, Membership

JEFF: Building/Aesthetics, Leadership Development

LARRY: Worship, Personnel, Social Action, Ministerial Support

ED: Social, Communication/Publicity

Keralee will oversee the Strategic Planning Committee.

A former member, **Laksmiwati Cortes**, has requested reinstatement. Since there is no set policy for this situation, Martha Baird moved **we reinstate her**, and Mary Kay Wells seconded. **Motion passed.**

Eric Berg moved and Larry Campbell seconded the motion that the following new members be accepted:

Michelle Ellis

Suzy Fuller

Rosemarie Kirkland

Bill Kirkland

Lyndy Forrester.

Motion passed. This brings total membership to 143.

Since several Board members may be absent for the July Board meeting, Keralee may call an "e-meeting".

The Board Retreat may be in August.

Jeff Davis and Martha Baird announced that OWL for 4th-6th Graders will be in September at the same time as Children's RE.

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 pm.

Sharon K Baker, Secretary