

Amarillo Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Board Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2015

Members Present: Keralee Clay, Jerry Goebel, Ed, Van Petten, Martha Baird, Sharon Baker, Eric Berg, Larry Campbell, Mary Kay Wells

Members Absent: Jeff Davis

Committee Chairs Present: Wendy Hearn, Marilyn Van Petten, Nancy Stephens

Guests: Sarah Brown, April Myers

Meeting called to Order at 12:17 pm by President Keralee Clay.

Minutes: Ed Van Petten moved and Martha Baird seconded a motion the January minutes be approved as corrected.. Motion passed.

Financials: Eric Berg reported the Fellowship had received a considerable sum from memorial gifts. Mary Kay Wells noted, and the Board acknowledged, all the good work April Myers had done. Discussion followed on the need for more timely receipt of financial data and the possibility of converting to Quick Books. This will be addressed at the beginning of the next Budget year.

Committee Reports:

Leadership Development: The Dwight Brown applications are due this month.

Strategic Planning: Jerry Goebel reported the interviews for the capital campaign are taking longer than anticipated, but should be completed by the end of this month. We also may have other options to consider. Another church is losing membership and may want to trade buildings. The Committee is scheduled to tour that building this week.

Communications: Martha reminded the Board she needs information for the Newsletter. It was agreed personal contact information should not be included in the Newsletter or on the website.

Children's Religious Education: Sarah Brown reported on the success they have had with volunteers for Children's RE. Stacie Terry is an additional childcare worker. Ed Van Petten moved and Mary Kay Wells seconded a motion to include salary for two more Children's RE workers so the 9:30 service would be covered as well as the 11:00 service. Motion passed.

Building: Keralee said the new doors were delivered. However they were the wrong size so they are being replaced at no additional cost. The new doors will also have new locks, so new keys will be issued. If the need arises for snow removal in the future, we will hire someone to clear the parking lot. We will look into the cost of a temporary building for Children's RE, and/or the cost of renting classrooms from the school across the street.

Stewardship: Eric reported the annual pledge letters have been sent, and a good response has already been received. He also has people in place to give Stewardship Moment speeches for February.

Caring: Wendy Hearn said Maisie Everett is home and doing well. Wendy was commended by the Board for all her work heading this committee.

Social Action: The committee is meeting February 21 to discuss cash donations for Snack Pack for Kids. This would allow those who have not shopped to donate money and a volunteer would purchase the needed items.

Old Business: Keralee will ask for a volunteer to be Social Chair.

New Business: The Congregational Survey will be compiled using the questions suggested by the Board.

Those members authorized to have keys and credit cards will complete the form in the Policy Manual.

Keralee announced plans for some new groups at the Fellowship: 1) the Agnostic AA Group, 2) ESL Group, 3) GED Prep Group with AC, 4) a new Women's Group, and "Meet the Artist".

Mary Kay volunteered to check with the Amarillo Globe News about the Fellowship being listed in the Faith Listings.

Sharon Baker moved, and Martha Baird seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 1:37 pm.

Sharon K Baker, Secretary