

Amarillo Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Board Meeting Minutes

August 9, 2015

Members Present: Keralee Clay, Eric Berg, Jerry Goebel, Sharon Baker, Bruce Fielder

Members Absent: Mary Kay Wells, Kristy Fuller, Karen Logan, Ed Van Petten

Committee Chairs Present: April Myers, Laksmiwati Cortes, Gary Biggers

Guests: David Green

Meeting called to Order at 12:10 pm by President Keralee Clay.

Minutes: July 12 Minutes approved by consent.

Financials: Eric Berg reviewed the reports. The Fellowship should receive the final distribution from the Nancy Elliott Estate soon. The four cemetery plots at Memorial Gardens are adjacent and valued at \$1700 each. They will be listed for sale in the Classified Ads for \$6200 for all 4, or \$1600 each. There is a \$200 transfer fee. They can also be put on Craig's List. Eric Berg made a motion, Sharon Baker second, to add April Myers (as Office Assistant) as a signatory on the bank account. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Leadership Development: Nina Stein will be leading the Harvest the Power sessions in October.

Long Range Planning: Jerry Goebel has met with the architect to modify the building plan to change the direction of the addition to the South. The revised plan should be available for the Board Retreat August 29. Jerry Goebel made a motion, Bruce Fielder second, to pay the architect \$1000 from the Long Term Planning budget for the revision. Motion passed. Options are still open to trade with another facility.

Caring: Lakswimati Cortes asked for a co-chair to assist her. She reported on Rose Lee Powell, and reminded everyone of the memorial service for Minnie Venable's son Wilson on August 15.

Building: New keys have been issued for the front door. The back door will be re-keyed to match.

Membership: April Myers said Chelsea and Nathan Morrow and Carol Hill have requested to join the Fellowship. Eric Berg made a motion, Bruce Fielder second, to accept them as new members. Motion passed. Path to Membership will be held August 22. Board members volunteered to attend and share. The new Attendance pads were discussed. Several issues have arisen. One suggestion was to have the Greeters hand guest cards to guests, and to have some available in the Attendance pads.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Board Retreat will be August 29 from 1:00 till after dinner at Keralee Clay's home.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board members were encouraged to personally invite people to the Path to Membership.

Earth Day 2016 will be celebrated at Wildcat Bluff. Kristy Fuller is attending planning meetings.

Eric Berg made a motion, Jerry Goebel second, to participate in the Commit2Respond Call to Action for environmental justice. Motion passed.

Sharon Baker made a motion, Eric Berg second, to have a Congregational Meeting at both services September 13. Votes will be taken at both services and combined. The Fellowship will vote to support the "Move to Amend" resolution which would amend the constitution to reverse the U.S. Supreme Court decision of January 21, 2010, in *Citizens United v. FEC* that enshrined corporations as persons and equated money with speech.

Keralee Clay instructed the Trustees to advise their Committee Chairs of the balance remaining in their budget after every Board meeting.

She adjourned the meeting at 1:18 pm.

Sharon K Baker

Secretary