



Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Bay County
Board Meeting Minutes: August 25, 2015

Attendees: **Board Members:** Cathy Rifenburg, Chris May, Diane Mouskourie, Chris Dixon, Janet Cross, Bob Dixon, Jeff Livingston, Cheryl Kellogg

Agenda Item	By	Discussion	Action taken
Special presentation	Cathy Rifenburg	Cathy started the meeting with a brief presentation about maintaining right relations within the UUFBC community and developing a new policy to address the subject. To begin all board members participated in an exercise that was meant to gain a more in-depth acquaintance with each other. The intent was to build trust in a casual setting before moving on to more difficult discussions. The presentation lasted about 45 minutes with the generation of numerous ideas to incorporate into a written policy.	NO Action.
Review of Minutes	Diane Mouskourie	July minutes accepted as submitted by Cathy Rifenburg.	-Approved.
Treasurer's Report	Chris Dixon	- Chris reviewed the monthly budget report giving totals: general fund balance, \$13,590.05; CD, \$9,102.24; Endowment Fund, \$1,654.47; Reserve Fund (Raymond James), \$40,485.67	-Approved.
President's report	Cathy Rifenburg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The board was asked to review on the newly created communications policy. Cathy and Cheryl agreed to revise before the policy before putting it to the board for final approval. However, after discussion of past events the board agreed that only members of the board or the board president may speak on behalf of the UUFBC congregation during public events or interview requests. - Cathy and Cheryl also agreed to work on the creation of a new Rights Relations Policy for the board to review at its next meeting. 	-NO action

Social Justice	Bob Nixon	<p>- Bob told the board the committees annual dinner had been rescheduled to Nov. 18 at 6:30 p.m. It will be an event for celebration and recognition.</p> <p>-Bob updated the board on recent SJ activities as presented in the minutes from the Aug. 5 team meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SJ team intends to focus on race relations in the near future as indicated by the Black Lives Matter campaign. As part of that effort board president, Cathy Rifenburg and SJ chairman wrote a letter to place our fellowship on record as condemning violence and intimidation and challenging all faith groups in the community to address the issue of race relations. The letter was sent to the newspaper as well as 20 predominantly black churches in Bay County. SJ members assisted. • During the July 25 service a collection netting \$500 was taken to support the UUA James Reeb Fund in an effort to help rebuild recently burned black churches in the South. • The committee voted to support AmeriCorps in its efforts to spruce up the Glenwood Community, a predominantly black and poor area in PC. Many of its homes have fallen in disrepair and the owners are either too poor or elderly to fix. UUFBC will have boxes set up to collect money, materials and tools to help in this project. • The SJ team also committed to co-sponsoring the PFLAG proposed gay film event. • Using feedback from foster teens the BYILD team plans to continue its monthly educational meetings with the youth using some of the topics in addition to some new topics; participate in teen holiday events and other outdoor activities. 	-Approved rescheduling of annual dinner.
UU Environment	Cheryl Kellogg	- Cheryl shared a complaint from a neighbor about the state of the drainage ditch. It was agreed that	-NO Action.

		<p>Fred Cross and Gerry Rifenburg would meet with the neighbor to discuss possible resolution.</p> <p>-Floor refinishing and fall cleaning are scheduled for beginning of September. Volunteers requested.</p>	
Faith Development	<p>Janet Cross</p> <p>Bob Nixon</p>	<p>-Janet gave the board an update on the initiation of two services that begin on Sept. 13. Greeters, ushers and coffee hour hosts have been recruited and assigned times and dates to volunteer with input from Janet, Chris May and Bob McNeal. Chris Dixon agreed to take charge of opening and closing the building for Sunday services and taking care of preparation and equipment for the worship services.</p> <p>-Georgia Beuchemin agreed to organize Wednesday evening suppers.</p> <p>-Al Burgermeister and Steve Dixon will serve as key contacts for adult programming. So far programs have been planned for October and most of November with a party planned for a December meal.</p> <p>-Upcoming adult RE classes include the God Map and a month-long series of race relations classes for Wednesday evenings beginning Oct. 14. Art Nights will move to Wed. nights also in October.</p> <p>-Bob Nixon presented the board with a Mountain Camp Scholarship proposal that outlines the requirements for children who wish to attend camp but do not have the funds.</p>	<p>-NO Action.</p> <p>-Approved Mountain Camp Scholarship guidelines with minor edits.</p>
Resource Development	Cathy Rifenburg	-No report.	-No Action.
Vision & Growth	Cathy Rifenburg	-Cathy announced that Christo Mikhail has volunteered to lead the Vision & Growth team for the rest of the 2015-2016 year. It will be up to Christo to recruit volunteers to serve on his committee.	
Close of Meeting	All	-Adjourned 9:15 p.m. Next meeting 9/22, 6:30 p.m. at home of Cathy Rifenburg.	

Minutes respectfully submitted, Diane Mouskourie, board secretary