Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Bay County

**BOARD MEETING Minutes: July 21, 2015**

**Attendees:** Chris Dixon, Chris May, Jeff Livingston, Bob Nixon, Cathy Rifenburg

**Absent:** Janet Cross, Diane Mouskourie, Cheryl Kellogg

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| **AGENDA ITEM** | **By** | **DISCUSSION** | **ACTION TAKEN** |
| **Secretary’s Report** | Chris May | One edit noticed. (Correction: In the last sentence of the Social Justice narrative-Bob Nixon not Bob Dixon gave an overall review of Social Justice...) | -Approved with edit. |
| **Treasurer’s Report** | Chris Dixon | -There is a considerable increase in total income budgeted for the new fiscal year, from $70,100 in 2014-2015 to $85,710 in 2015-2016. The one-time  minister bump income has not been fully collected but is close.  -There has been minimal expenditure in the first month of the new budget year. Fortunately, the funds required for the A/C duct work & unit replacement were taken from the 2014-2015 operational budget and the reserve funds. | - NO action. |
| **President’s Report** | Cathy Rifenburg | - Cathy led board members present in a discussion about “Right Relations” and creating a policy to address any conflict resolution necessary within the fellowship.  -Discussion pertaining to the necessity of recruiting board liaisons was tabled until the August board meeting.  -Cathy presented board members with a basic overview of what the second service will look like. -Jeff Livingston asked if the transition team has considered criteria to review the success of second service and whether a time limit has been set for the trial period. | - Questions raised pertaining to the second service will be forwarded to the transition team’s next meeting later in August.  -Members of the search committee for hiring a new minister were announced as: Chris May, Jack Harvey, Georgia Beauchemin, Lisa Livingston and Diane Mouskourie |
| **Faith Development** | Cathy Rifenburg | -Cathy reviewed of Tiffany Sap’s monthly RE report with the discussion centering around 2016 camp funds. This year 3 children attended UU summer camp but were specifically funded by one individual. Tiffany and the kids have a goal of raising enough money to send more UUFBC kids in 2016 summer session to the UU Mountain Camp in North Carolina.  -Tiffany suggested that any fundraising be part of a fellowship-wide effort in addition to include social media sites such as Crowd Funding and Faithify.  -A selection committee will be formed to select the beneficiaries of camp scholarships based on selection guidelines submitted to board for approval. | - Bob Nixon agreed to chair the camp fundraising efforts and the creation of selection guidelines to be submitted to the board for approval. |
| **Resource Development** |  | No team report. | -NO action. |
| **Vision & Growth** |  | -No report given. However, the Board did discuss approaching Christo Mikail and Dorothy to possibly  chair the team. Bob Nixon agreed to talk with Christo and if necessary, Chris May offered to contact Dorothy. This team needs a leader as well as new members. | -NO action. |
| **UU Environment** |  | -No report. | -NO Action. |
| **Social Justice** | Bob Nixon | -Bob-requested three action points be addressed for the social justice team.  -Requested board approval in support of the Sept. 18 dinner with the SJ team members agreeing to manage all necessary tasks to initiate the event.  -During second-hour service on July 19, Nikki Simon, in-coming SJ chair, initiated a discussion presenting additional activities for the team. Some of those suggestions will be considered for the current calendar.  -Angela Johnson has asked for the Board to approve information to be put on the UUFBC website about a protest of the “In God We Trust” bumper stickers which have appeared on the county law enforcement vehicles. Bob especially emphasized that the framework for our approval to allow information on our site which is the statement that this is a separation of church & state issue.  -PFLAG PC has asked UUFBC to sponsor the 2016 film festival. | - Approved:  ;SJ Sept. 18 dinner.  ;Information about the protest against “In God We Trust” stickers on law enforcement vehicles added to the UUFBC website;  The board agrees to lend the UUFBC name to the list of sponsors for the proposed 2015 Panama City Gay Film Festival.  -Further discussion concerning whether a team within the UUFBC community has the authority to speak publicly about an issue without prior board authorization will be explored at the August meeting. The general consensus from the five board members presented believe the Board officially speaks for the congregation. |
| **Close of Meeting** |  | -Adjourned 8:10 p.m. Next meeting 8/25/2015 at 6:30 p.m. |  |

Minutes respectfully submitted by UUFBC president Cathy Rifenburg in place of Diane Mouskourie’s absence, board secretary