

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Bay County
Board Minutes



April 20, 2017

Present members:
 Cheryl Kellogg, President
 Chris May, Vice President
 Helen Johnson, Secretary
 Janet Cross, At Large Member
 Bob Nixon At Large Member
 Absent Member(s): Chris Dixon, Treasurer
 Guests: Fred Beauchemin

Agenda Item	Presented By	Comment/Action
Invocation	Cheryl Kellogg	Lighting Chalice
Call to order & Spiritual Centering	Cheryl Kellogg	Cheryl read from the hymnal, Mission of our Faith by William Shultz
Secretary's Report	Helen Johnson	Chris May motion to accept the March Minutes; Janet seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
Treasurer's Report	Cheryl Kellogg	The treasurer's report was reviewed and Janet asked for clarification on the anonymous gift of \$1500 to be used for the Wish List and how it was to be used. It's purpose was to stimulate giving outside of the pledge amount intended for the annual expense for those items that the UUFBC wishes it could have but were not allocated for in the budget. That through this idea anonymous giving earmarked for Wish List type items, the goal of the UUFBC can be furthered. It was determined that the cost for the recent renovation of the donated grounds lawn mower can be paid for from this fund as the lawn mower was a Wish List item. Helen will make a slider of the lawn mower, the purpose of the gift and attach this to the Wish List page on the website. Janet motion to accept the March Treasurer Report, Chris May seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. See attached report.
Stewardship Campaign and Pledge Drive	Chris Dixon	There is concern that the pledge campaign may need to be extended into May. There has been a poor response by the congregation to pledge so far.

Leadership Development Committee (LDC)	Fred Beauchemin	<p>There was an extensive discussion about leadership within the UUFBC. Currently there is a limited amount of qualified candidates to elect for both President and Vice President for FY'18. The people that Fred has approached have strongly declined to serve. As part of this small pool, the board feels that the Bylaws may be too restrictive and it was suggested that we put before the congregation several changes in Article VI.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 1a – insert the words “at least” two At Large • Section 1c – add wording “or equivalent as determined by the Leadership Development Committee (LDC). • Section 1d – strike “may not be elected to the end of next sentence. <p>Helen will make these changes in a Word document to show what is currently the language, what the proposed strikes and changes will be.</p> <p>Further discussion occurred regarding the LDC nominations. The proposed changes to Article VIII:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 1d – LDC chair shall fill any vacant positions on the committee until the next scheduled election • Section 1e – If the LDC chair is vacant it will be filled by the senior remaining committee member. • Section 1f – If the LDC has no members, the board will call for a congregational meeting for the UUFBC to elect members. [It was felt that the board should recuse itself from this process]. • Section 1g – LDC shall be responsible for helping members of the congregation develop their potential for leadership responsibilities in the church. • Section 1h – LDC shall also serve as the Nominating Committee for the Fellowship <p>Fred passed out the duties of members of the LDC, see attached. Fred passed out the current Leadership Development Plan (for the next three years) see attached. The board will invite to a private meeting all qualified members of the UUFBC who might be able to serve as either President or Vice President. The purpose of the meeting is to explain the precarious position this will place the congregation in if they are left unfilled.</p>
5 th Sunday	Cheryl Kellogg	<p>Instead of having a leadership appeal meeting this Sunday, invite potential and qualified leadership to a meeting on Monday, May 1 to discuss these concerns.</p>
Religious Education Building Dedication	Cheryl Kellogg	<p>The Board reviewed UUA’s suggested expectations and responsibilities for a Religious Education Coordinator and Director of Religious Education and determined that Gienah Harris is performing the duties of a Director of Religious Education. Bob motion to change the Religious Exploration Coordinator title for Gienah Harris to Director of Religious Exploration. Janet seconded. All discussion</p>

		was in agreement. Motion passed unanimously.
Faith Development	Cheryl Kellogg	The proposed hike was cancelled. Cheryl also has Steve Dixon helping to post to the website.
Social Justice		Report attached.
Religious Education		Report attached.
Building & Grounds		A part of the children's playground equipment was damaged from a fallen limb. The damage was not repairable and the equipment was disposed of. There has been discussion of making a fenced area around the playground with some donated materials and non-chain fencing. Should we also put on the wish list or into the budget eco-friendly play equipment? Discussion to continue. George was able to repair a donated lawn mower. See Treasurer's Report above.
New Business		None
Next Meeting		Thursday, May 18, 6:30 p.m.
Meeting Adjourned	Cheryl Kellogg	8:45 p.m.

DRAFT Minutes of April, 2017, UUFBC Social Justice Meeting

Jo Shaffer called the UUFBC Social Justice meeting to order at 6:35 pm on April 5, 2017. Others attending were Harriett Myers, Ruby Jo Faust, Bob Gilmore, Bob Nixon, Penny Bloom, and Ardella and Pat Moran. Judy Stapleton, Sue Carol Elvin, and Dennis Scott were absent. The following 11 agenda items were discussed and agreed upon in order.

1) Minutes of the March 1, 2017, meeting were approved as distributed in an amended version on March 6, 2017.

2) Jo Shaffer and others agreed that the Food & Nutrition BYILD classes for the older teens is going well despite poor attendance at the March 23 session, which coincided with spring break. The March 30 session was well attended, with 11 teens participating enthusiastically.

The remaining sessions are:

- April 6, Class #5: Bob Gilmore providing food and transportation to grocery shopping.
- April 13, Class #6: Sue Carol and Jo to provide food.

We agreed to start the six-session weekly **Food & Nutrition classes for Claires house teens**, beginning on May 11.

Jo agreed to explore getting the Extension Service's staff to assist the teens in Independence Village with gardening classes. She also reported that Good Will may be interested in providing some classes for teens to be held at UUFBC, and she agreed to pursue this.

3) The next session of Escalating Equality Adult Ed Series will be April 12, 6:30 pm. Ruby Jo committed to attend to support Chris May as needed, and Harriett may attend as well.

4) Ruby Jo reported that March deliveries of Donations to the SOAR Project for Homeless Teens were valued at \$70.00, although the last two weeks in March and first two in April were preempted by a new annual food and toiletries collection for the residents of Foxwood Apartments, to assist them with their **Save Our Youth (SOY)** program. Members present agreed that this is a good cause related to our commitment to **Racial Justice**. But in the future, any such disruption to an ongoing project needs better communication with our committee, the UUFBC Board, and the congregation.

5) For Legislative Advocacy on Lobby days, March 20 & 21 in Tallahassee, Jo reported that Bob Gilmore, Henry Lawrence, and Pat and Ardella Moran attended. Bob made an appointment for the delegation to meet with our State Representative Jay Trumbull, but was unable to meet with Senator George Gainer.

Since Sen. Gainer is establishing a local office, Bob will continue to try to get an appointment for us to meet with him.

Ardella reported that she asked Rep. Trumbull to support abortion and received an emphatic negative from him, as expected.

Pat spoke to him about the need for Florida to provide a path for restoring citizenship status to prisoners who have completed their sentences. He pointed out that Florida is out of step with most other states on this, and Rep. Trumbull seemed interested, as it was an issue with which he seemed to be unfamiliar.

6) Under our ongoing effort for **Racial Justice**, Jo reported that the **Glenwood Pride** program has one more house, located at **918 E. 8th Court**, approved for painting this spring. However, John Shaffer has a back injury and needs more support in the setup and cleanup than he has had previously. We set a tentative date of April 29, and Jo will work with John, Penny, Bob G., and Pat to make this happen. Pat will communicate with the Democratic Veterans Caucus leader, who has expressed an interest in helping with this project.

7) Harriett reported that **Bay Indivisible's** current focus is on calling our senators to vote against Neil Gorsuch for the US Supreme Court. Also, Harriett and Judy are continuing to plan future Bay Indivisible efforts in support of women's issues.

8) Bob Gilmore passed around a sheet with several ideas for how UUFBC can help with **Offering Safe Sanctuary** to help displaced immigrants. Conceding that UUFBC cannot offer residency to immigrants, he listed other ideas under the following headings:

- Coordinating a rapid response as part of a coalition to support immigrants facing deportation
- Defending administrative policies that create safe places in schools, hospitals, and places of worship [Bob already visited the Bay County School Board to explore this topic]
- Pushing back against unjust enforcement policies
- Promoting “Know your rights” when encountering ICE
- Holding public forums for allies of undocumented immigrants and for immigrants
- Providing planning for UUFBC's security

9) Jo noted that the **Interfaith Harmony Council** has become more active with the renewed participation of the Jewish community, and that Council members may draft a safe sanctuary plan.

10) Jo asked us to review the new **Social Justice Brochure**, which was approved with one minor format change.

11) Under new business, Bob Nixon shared that the Board is proposing that our **Social Justice budget** remain at its current level for the coming year.

The meeting was adjourned at about 8:20.

DRAFT minutes are distributed as a PDF on April 6, 2017, by Ruby Jo Faust.

Kid's RE:

Tiffany and I worked together to put on the Easter Play followed by an egg hunt.

Summer Camp sign-ups have begun. I let all the parents know that I need the paperwork returned and the \$40 per camper in to me by the end of April.

We have had several incidents with a child in the Preschool hitting, spitting, etc. I am in communication with the parents and hope to develop a successful resolution.

Adult RE:

After having several months of badly attended night classes, I cancelled the Wednesday night Faith Like a River class. We will continue to have the Sunday morning Coffee and Questions.

The Escalating Inequality class will continue on the second Wednesday of the month led by Chris May.

May's Adult RE class will be a two part introduction to UU class. This class will be followed up by the fall Adult RE Series: UU Identity/Community

The Summer Adult program will begin with a second showing of "Defying the Nazis" followed in July and August with conversation around the movie and modern Social Justice.