



# Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Bay County

## Annual Meeting Minutes

October 29, 2017

Present members:  
 Ken Sizemore, President  
 Janet Cross, Vice President  
 Lynn Siegfried, Treasurer  
 Helen Johnson, Secretary  
 Heather Ogilvie, At Large Member  
 Absent: Sandi Dielenschneider, At Large Member

Agenda Item	Presented By	Comment/Action
Call to order 6:30 p.m.	Ken Sizemore	<p>The October 19<sup>th</sup> board meeting did not have a quorum. Attending were: Ken Sizemore, President, Janet Cross, Vice President and Helen Johnson, Secretary. No actions calling for a vote were taken. Ken notified the board that At Large Member Nancy Schlagheck, has resigned her position. Per Article VI, Section 4.b of the UUFBC Bylaws, the board has asked Heather Ogilvie to fill the position. She has accepted.</p> <p>Ken called for a special board meeting Sunday, October 29, 2017 to discuss last Saturday's productive silent auction that exceeded our expectations. The silent auction raised \$5,362, the target was \$3,000. Earlier in the fiscal year the board agreed to split the funds raised at the silent auction 50/50 between the 2018 UUFBC budget and the Religious Education (RE) program for a safety fence around the play area and playground equipment.</p> <p>We'll need to approve the minutes and treasurer's reports from September at the November meeting.</p>
Silent Auction	Ken Sizemore	<p>Janet motioned that we allocated \$3,500 of the \$5,362 to the RE fence/playground equipment project and the remainder to go towards the budget. Lynn seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All members present in favor (one absent). Motion passed.</p> <p>Lynn motioned that we develop a committee to manage the fence and playground equipment</p>

		<p>project, they will investigate the costs and installation of the project. The fenced area will be the priority. Ken will appoint a committee. Heather seconded the motion. There was further discussion about the composition of the committee, clarified by Ken. All members present in favor. Motion passed. The committee will make recommendations to the board at the November meeting.</p> <p>Ken will initially approach the following members to see if they have interest in being on the committee: Gienah Harris, Heather Ogilvie, George Stevenson, Jerry Rifenburg and Al Clare.</p>
Adjoined		Heather moved to adjourn, Janet seconded, all in favor at 12:06 p.m.
Next Meeting		November 16, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.
		Respectfully submitted by Helen Johnson

## UUFBC Religious Education Progress Report 10/11/17 Submitted by Gienah Harris

### General RE:

We are in the process of forming a committee, Lauren Atkins has agreed to be part of the committee and the Findleys have also expressed an interest in being more active with RE. Cheryl Kellogg has also indicated an interest in joining. Canova Henderson has indicated that she is willing to help with projects that are brought to her, however she does not want to directly be part of the committee.

### Adult RE:

After a rocky technology start, I think that we are ready for more Yoga! I had problems getting the computers to connect to the TV, but I think that those issues have been fixed. I have had several people say that they are excited for Yoga.

The first Tradition and Change class will be Sunday Oct 15 where we will briefly discuss our current 7 Principles as well as the newly submitted 8th Principle. For more information on the 8th Principle, please visit: <https://medium.com/outfront/black-lives-of-uu-organizing-collective-urges-adoption-of-8th-principle-in-unitarian-universalism-377480e615ef>

November's Tradition and Change class will be on ethical consumerism.

### Kid's RE:

We are starting to get into the new RE routine. The children responded well to the new Children's Chapel that Canova and I are doing on the 1st Sunday of the month. The kids are acting excited that they have the choice of which class project to participate in after their story is finished as well. I anticipate that the Art/Science room (Little Red School House) will have more interest than the music room, but the music room is excellent for the younger kids.

### Intergenerational Services:

I will be doing an intergenerational service on 10/29 discussing some of the UU Theology that I learned about while at the Mountain this Summer

I will also be leading an intergenerational service on 12/17 where we will be making Christmas wreaths and singing a variety of carols from around the world.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> DRAFT Minutes of Oct. 11, 2017, UUFBC Social Justice Meeting**

Jo Shaffer called the UUFBC Social Justice meeting to order about 6:35 pm on Oct. 11, 2017. Other committee members attending were Harriett Myers, Ruby Jo Faust, Cindy Wilker, Helen Johnson, and Pat and Ardella Moran. Sue Carol Elvin, Bob Gilmore, and Randi Tucker were absent.

The following agenda items were discussed and agreed upon in the order shown.

**1) Minutes** of the Sept. 6, 2017, planning meeting were approved without changes from the draft distributed on Sept. 7.

**2) SOAR:** Ruby Jo reported that donations of food, water, and assorted toiletries for homeless youth during September totaled an estimated value of \$50.00. This was low compared to most months, but any apparent deficit to provide help for the homeless was more than offset by our members' participation in the Day of Dignity event held on Sept. 9. Bob Gilmore and Pat Moran drove a van to take guests from downtown to the Bay County Fairgrounds where the Islamic Society and a number of other groups provided lunch and other items free to homeless and other poor people. Our UU banner was displayed above a table filled with insect spray, plastic sleeping mats, snack items, etc. **Randi Tucker got a \$100 donation from WalMart and used it to purchase more items for our table. Other UU volunteers who helped were Arlene Gilmore, Arlene Garner, Cindy Wilker, Ken Sizemore, Cathy Rifenburg, Bob Nixon, Collin Breaux, and Jo and John Shaffer.**

**3) Bay Indivisible:** Harriett reported that this group wanted to protest the various bills being passed in the US House of Representatives that strip away women's reproductive freedoms, but did not get plans set up in time. This will become more urgent when/if the Senate takes up those bills.

### **4) Black Lives Matter/Glenwood PRIDE:**

- Jo reported that funding has been renewed for another year for supplies to continue our project of painting the exterior of dilapidated homes in the historic black community. Specific dates are TBD.
- Although our efforts to provide for people who lost their homes in the Roosevelt Carver redevelopment process were largely unsuccessful, the events triggered **a greater willingness on the part of our city and county officials to become better educated on Federal and Florida law.** The local Coalition on Homelessness has scheduled a workshop for that purpose on Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>.

**5) Interfaith Harmony Council:** Jo attended the IHC meeting at Unity on Sept. 19. She reports that Unity outlined plans for a United Nations Interfaith Gathering

and Celebration of Diversity with events occurring Feb. 1-7, 2018. IHC member groups are invited **to provide a speaker to give a 45-minute presentation about their church or faith organization, and to provide members on panel for panel discussions on various topics yet to be determined. Gianah Harris may be asked to make the presentation on Unitarian Universalism. Other names suggested were Chris May, Bob Gilmore, Susan Sizemore, Cathy Rifenburg, and Bob Nixon.**

**7) New Projects:** The group discussed a few broad topics for possible projects as ongoing service to the needy in our community.

- Defining a role for UU members to assist the First United Methodist Church (FUMC) in its various services to local homeless persons
- Developing expertise to provide a Bucket Brigade to persons suffering in disasters, particularly floods
- Continuing focus on the Glenwood community as well as homelessness
- Supporting the local Homeless Coalition in its efforts to establish and staff an emergency center for the homeless to be open 24/7. Jo shared the fact that at any time, there are about 1,500 homeless school children in Bay County.

**8) Adjournment:** The meeting ended about 8:20 pm.

**2<sup>nd</sup> DRAFT** minutes are distributed as a PDF to SJ members on Oct. 17, 2017, by Ruby Jo Faust.