

UUCO Board Meeting, Sunday, September 14, 2014

Meeting started at 12:27 pm

Luanne, Cheryl, Vicki Reithel, Greg, Walter and Carla in attendance. Shaundi sadly absent due to illness.

1. Luanne read a poem to set the tone for our meeting, as inspiration for the work we do for spiritual community.
2. We each had time to check in. While we all had much going on, we made time to be here!
3. We appointed a process observer, but I don't have record of who it was~
4. We looked over the minutes. Greg motioned they be approved and all agreed.
5. We discussed our group covenant, which Greg put into simplest words, "Do good work, don't be a jerk."
6. Cheryl presented the treasurer's report. Walter asked about Social Media spending. Group determined discretionary spending for Walter as communications chair will cover the recent UUCO publicity on Facebook.
7. We discussed schedule conflict between religious studies group and OU-LGBTQ mixer on October 2, and agreed the study group will meet on October 1st instead, so that members will not have to miss one or the other group. Luanne mentioned that new covenant groups are starting up soon. No costs are anticipated, as she bought books last fiscal year to "seed" the new groups.
8. Luanne plans to amend the by-laws for Leadership Development: basic message is that UUCO will have a staggered board, and limit terms. We trust Luanne to write up this draft and run it by us for approval, so it can be put before our UU membership for a vote.
9. We discussed Sandra's proposal, to streamline our newcomers welcome card (connections card) to replace the other two cards we used to use, and avoid duplication. As we do away with the guest book, we need to let greeters know of this change, so they use of just one (front and back) card to gather info about guests and their interests.
10. September 28, there will be a Listening service, our "Con-grow-sation." As board members, we will not be responding to the questions asked, but will demonstrate how we listen deeply to one another. We will use the surveys from Reverend Morales's visit, to start the conversation. We will conduct a shorter service to include a potluck (which will all end at 12:30). Congregants are encouraged to bring food items that are easy to eat in circle, without tables set up.
11. The goal of this September 28 service is to see members want to see in UUCO, as a congregation, i.e. do we want financial security, covenant groups, etc. Would paid positions help us avoid our members from becoming overextended?
Our members determined our past and will shape our future. Luanne asked us to consider what story and pictures we have from our past, that tell us where we have been and what we want our future to look like. We decided we would have no

- children's RE on the 28th, but that with Deborah and Libby's help, they could be a part of the food followed by spirit play within the congregation.
12. Congregational sponsorship of Gail was discussed. Walter made the motion that we sponsor Gail in her commitment to becoming minister. Greg seconded the motion and the unanimous decision to sponsor Gail was made by the Board.
 13. Our first diversion was discussing how we felt about certain highway billboards! We agreed, unanimously, that Greg is not Jesus, no matter what the signs in MS, GA and FL show us!
 14. Our final formal agenda item was to be the Multi-Track Training October 10-12. We have budgeted finances, for four members to attend. Luanne also wanted to confirm the email decision to support a raise for Sandra for her work excellence. We may need to revisit the issue of how we will handle base pay and raises at a future time when someone else is employed in this position. At this time, the board feels secure in this decision, specific to Sandra and her work performance.
 15. The Board decided to discuss plans for future give away the plate at UU. We decided the collection for the Bless the Animals service, would be contributed to the Humane Shelter. This led to a identifying a similar need to support the women's shelter (perhaps to donate, sheets, blankets toys).
 16. This led to a brief discussion of the Graceland Angel Tree, and how we have donated to it in the past. Group voiced support for this effort again this December. (Also Kiva and Microloans were mentioned).
 17. Luanne brought up the Child's Guide for Parents that could be created for UUCO members with children, that would be easy for someone to organize and work on, when the time is right.
 18. Carla initiated the idea of a fall retreat (with the cooler outdoor weather), that could bring our UUCO members together in community. We could have tents, pumpkins, wood fire, and casual music! Carla and Walter will organize. We set the date for October 25th, Saturday night.
 19. October 19th is the next Board Meeting, in advance of this evening/overnight event.

Meeting stopped promptly at 2:00 pm. And a lively conversation continued.

Respectfully submitted, Victoria Smith, secretary