

**Palomar Unitarian Universalist Fellowship  
Board Meeting  
February 10, 2015**

*Telescope Deadline: February 16, 2015*

**Chalice Lighting:** Misty

**Check-In:**

**Call to Order:** 6:45 PM

**Members Attending:** Misty Brogan, David Cochran, Jon Schwestka, Tim Peirce, Marj Lacey, Rev. Beth Johnson

**Guest Attending:** Eileen Maurer

**Approval of Prior Board Minutes:** The minutes were approved.

**Review of Current Agenda:**

**Written Reports:** (Discussion by exception only)

- *Religious Education* Written report attached. The board agreed to discuss concerns expressed in the report via email.
- *Minister's Report (quarterly):* Report to be submitted.

**Verbal Reports:**

*Finance Report: (Tim)* Tim reported our situation is much the same as last month. Paper work is still being processed to place the income from the Harry Wolcott estate in the endowment fund. A written report is attached.

**Old Business:**

- *Strategic Planning Update: (Rev. Beth)* The first strategic planning cottage meeting went well, although there were only five attendees. Upcoming meetings are Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- *Communications Committee: (Dave)* Dave reported the committee is still working on the website and on developing website policies. He discussed the possibility of accepting credit cards and placing a "donate now" button on the website.

**New Business:**

- *Pledge/Stewardship Drive (Theme: Hand in Hand):* Eileen Maurer shared copies of last year's material which was mailed to members. We discussed ideas for "give-aways" in return for submitted pledges and discussed possible speakers for the March 1<sup>st</sup> pledge kick-off. Rev. Beth will contact possible speakers. Eileen will meet with Jon and Tim to develop plans.
- *General Assembly Delegates:* We discussed how we should select our four delegates to GA. Among the criteria mentioned were length of membership, experience (e.g., attendance at GA as a non-delegate) and commitment to PUUF. Dave will solicit information from those interested in serving as delegates. Registration for GA is \$350 from 3/1-4/30 and \$405 beginning 5/1.
- *Plate Share:* The success of our plate share efforts was discussed.
- *Other:* Marj discussed the difficulty of carrying on conversations on the patio between services because of the noise that reverberates throughout the area. She suggested looking into installing some sort of acoustical material to reduce the noise level and make conversation possible.

**Board Goals:**

- *Nominating Committee Restructuring: (Misty)* In process
- *Policy and Procedures: (Marj)* In process
- *Financial Flourishing: (Tim and Jon):* Jon has been considering ways to increase the amount raised by our annual auction. He suggested we need the following:
  - More choices
  - More effective scheduling of table closings to allow participants more opportunity to select activities
  - More guidance to members regarding appropriate pricing of activities

Jon stated we need to view the auction as a *fund raiser*, and viewed in that light, many activities are underpriced.

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**DRE Board Report December/January (I did not submit one in December)  
Submitted by: Kathleen Moscato DRE**

**December Religious Exploration Attendance**

RE Attendance	12/7/2014	12/14/2014	12/21/2014	12/28/2014
<b><u>Nursery:</u></b>				
1st Service:	12	9	8	5
2nd Service:	4	2	3	2
<b><u>Explorers 1:</u></b>				
1st-3rd Grade	6	Music Service	8	2
<b><u>Explorers 2:</u></b>				
4th- 6th Grade	3	Music Service	3	3
<b><u>YRUU:</u></b>				
9th-12th Grade	9	Music Service	11	5
Totals:	35	11	33	17

**January 2015 Religious Exploration Attendance:**

	1/4/2015	1/11/2015	1/18/2015	1/25/2015
<b><u>Nursery :</u></b>				
1st Service:	9	12	11	6
2nd Service:	2	2	4	7
<b><u>Explorers 1:</u></b>				
1 <sup>st</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup>	5	5	8	7
<b><u>Explorers 2:</u></b>				
4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup>	1	1	3	3
<b><u>Middle School:</u></b>				
1 <sup>st</sup> Service	2		1	
<b><u>YRUU:</u></b>				
7 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	7	6	8	7
Totals:	26	25	35	30

### **Middle OWL 8th – 10<sup>th</sup> Graders**

This class started here at PUUF the last Tuesday in January. This is a joint project with Pilgrim UCC. Of the 12 youth attending 6 attend PUUF and 2 are friends of PUUF. There is one youth attending from Chalice. This class will run most Tuesday nights with a few weekends until the first weekend in May.

### **Blessing Bags**

We have created 75 blessing bags from donations asked for from the PUUF congregations. Anyone who wants to take bags with them to have in their cars, will be encouraged to the last Sundays of February. Any bags that are left will be taken to the shelters where PUUF delivers food to weekly. The bags are filled with convenience foods as well as toiletries. Li-Anne Mufson and Jennifer Redwitz both asked what the price of the bags would be, both stating that the last places they got bags for their cars, were doing it as a fundraiser. This time around we will not be charging for the bags, but suggesting a \$2 donation. Once the money is collected, the children and youth can decide where they would like to donate it to.

### **Lost Space**

If I could go back to the end of my first year as DRE, when I was asked if the Alcott room could be used by the pre-school for their Kindergarten, I would tell myself to say no. I am feeling the loss of this space in a BIG way. Last year the school only used the room during the morning, but now because of licensing, the older children need to separate from the younger all day. I really thought it was storage that I was missing, but what I am missing is prep space and also short term space to “store things” (such as blessing bags, projects that are not ready to go home yet. I literally have no space to get ready for Sunday, unless I decide to start working Saturdays, which I do not want to do as it is the only time I can spend the whole day with my family. I feel that the projects I take on to work with the children and youth, are hampered by this and I choose less creative things because of the lack of space for things to be stored until they are ready. I realize there is not much that can be done about this right now, but I do want there to be some discussion. The pre-school has all of our RE space and I am now kicking myself, that I didn’t see this when we decided this two years ago.

### **My PUUF E-mail Account:**

I once again have logged myself out of my PUUF e-mail account and needs someone to help me get back into this. I wasn’t getting very much sent to me, but it has been brought to my attention that there may be some e-mails in there now that I need to see.

### **Easter Pancake Breakfast this year will be a brunch:**

RE has an annual fundraiser on Easter morning. It is usually called the pancake breakfast. This year because of the loss of our monthly brunches, we have decided to have it be a whole brunch. We will be having our egg hunt out on the hill as well, for children from birth-5<sup>th</sup> grade.

### **Lower Parking lot on Sunday Mornings:**

We have a basketball hoop down in the lower parking lot and children, youth and families are starting to use it. Adrian Andersen (my RE Chair) has advised that we purchase a Rubbermaid trunk storage unit to put down by the hoop. In there we can store basket balls and other toys that the children and youth could play with. It would have a pad lock on it. Is this okay to have down there? Also on Sunday mornings I would like to put a few orange

cones down by the hoop space, to keep the area safe for the kids to play. Is there any problem with this?

**Week long Summer Camp:**

I am very very happy to say that I have a parent willing to help take on the organizing of a weeklong Summer Camp here at PUUF. Adrian Andersen, along with myself will take the beginning steps of putting this together. This will be an opportunity for community members who are not members at PUUF, to see what we offer for our youth. I purchased curriculum last year for a Chalice Kids World Religions Camp that we will use as our outline. Our next step is to nail down a week that we want to have the camp and get those dates out to our community. We are hoping to get enough interest that the camp will be staffed by our community families.

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**Finance Director's  
Report to the Executive Board  
February 10, 2015**

The January Budget Report, the Balance Sheet showing balances as of 02/07/2015, the fund-raising record and estimate for the year, and a copy of my report to the congregation on January 25 accompany this report.

Total income for the first seven months stands at 88% of the amount budgeted, up from 87% for the first six months.

Pledge income was 86% of the anticipated amount for the seven-month period, about the same as the 87% reported for the first six months. This figure may get a boost since the last quarterly statements were just sent out, and the importance of paid pledges was emphasized at the congregational meeting on January 25. I plan to reprint a summary of my report to the congregation in the next Telescope.

Additional payments of \$1,517.50 boosted total auction receipts to \$8,030.27 as of the end of January.

Jon has been in contact with groups planning additional fundraisers to happen before the end of this fiscal year, and will be reporting on that.

Expenses for the first seven months were 96% of the budgeted amount, up just one per cent from the 95% figure reported for the first six months.

Our 11,135.602 shares of TICRX were valued at \$170,374.71 as of 02/05/2015, which is distributed between the Building fund (73.458% = \$125,153.85) and the Endowment Fund (26.542% = \$45,220.86)

The Building Fund also includes a \$7,712.03 checking account balance, for a total value of \$132,865.88.

Jon and I attended the training session on Planned Giving and the Cluster meeting. We hope the Board will move forward to appoint a planned giving coordinator so a program can begin as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Peirce  
Finance Director