

**Palomar Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
Board Meeting
May 12, 2015**

Telescope Deadline: May 18, 2015

Chalice Lighting (Misty)

Check-In:

Call to Order:

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

Absent:

Guest(s) Attending: Brenda Balmer

Brenda spoke about both Green Sanctuary and the Strategic Planning Committee.

- **Green Sanctuary:** The Green Sanctuary task force is requesting that this activity become the province of the Peace and Justice Committee and requests that the board charge Peace and Justice with this. In order to be certified by the UUA as a Green Sanctuary, the fellowship must complete a required number of projects within two years. The UUA will provide resources to assist in the project and the Green Sanctuary group will present a structure for achieving required goals. The Peace and Justice Committee will be charged with assessing our situation, planning projects, providing support and resources, communicating with the congregation, and preparing documentation of achievements.
- **Strategic Planning:** Brenda reported the Strategic Planning Committee has done a great deal of thinking about the future, the congregation, congregational concerns, diversity, beliefs, and spirituality. During the last six months, the committee has distilled their findings into goals and objectives, and the next step is for CCAT, the board, and the Strategic Planning Committee to focus on specifics. By July 1st, it is hoped a plans will be ready for presentation to the congregation.

There are two particular goals the board should consider, Brenda noted: 1) the right use of physical space, based on congregational input, and 2) stewardship. She suggested the board should create groups to focus on those goals.

After Brenda's presentation, the board voted unanimously to charge the Peace and Justice Committee with taking on the Green Sanctuary project.

Approval of prior Board Meeting minutes: Approved

Review of Current Agenda:

Written Reports: (Discussion by exception only)

- *Religious Education:* Attached
- *Minister's Report: (quarterly)* None

Verbal Reports:

Finance Report (Tim): Tim reported pledge income is currently at 100%. His report is attached.

Old Business:

- *Congregational Meeting Agenda (scheduled for 5/31)* The board reviewed the agenda for the Congregational Meeting
- *GA Delegates (need one more)* David Cochran reported we need one more delegate to GA. He agreed to be that delegate.

New Business:

- *Awards: See Executive Session*

Board Goals:

5 min

- *Nominating Committee Restructure update:* (Misty)
- *Policy & Procedures update:* (Marj) Marj presented the policy for screening of community volunteers.
- *Financial Flourishing:* (Tim & Jon)
- *Congregation Communications:* (Dave)

Announcements: Al Cox would like us to find a replacement for Building and grounds.

Next Meeting: June 9, 2015

Executive Session: Awards to be presented at the annual congregational meeting were discussed.

Adjournment:

**Finance Director's
Report to the Executive Board
May 12, 2015**

The April Budget Report, the Balance Sheet showing balances as of 05/12/2015, the fund-raising record and estimate for the year, and a copy of the budget for 2015-16 accompany this report.

Pledge income was 148% of the amount budgeted for April, raising the total pledge income for the ten-month period ending 4/30/2015 100% of the amount budgeted.

Total auction receipts as of the end of April are \$9,090.27, 91% of the \$10,000.00 budgeted amount.

With the help of the E Klectic GRUUVE concert fundraiser and the upcoming Ministry Fair, the total fundraising amount should be over \$15,000, more than last year's total, but a little short of our \$16,000.00 goal.

Total income in April was 145% of the budgeted amount, raising the percentage received year to date to 100%.

Year to date expenses remain at 94% of the budgeted amount, about the same as they have been all year. Expense items running over budget include the Choir/Orch. Conductor's salary, Sunday Services Committee, and Building & Grounds contingency repairs. Each of these expense overages is less than 1% of the total budget, and all line items have been increased in next year's budget.

The balance of the Harry Wolcott estate, valued at \$97,602.32 remains in the Wells Fargo account that was transferred to the Fellowship. It is now included in our endowment fund, but we should discuss policy and procedure for

designating some of this fund to be available for strategic planning or other non-budgeted expense, and continue our discussion of fossil fuel free investments.

We have received 115 pledges for next year totaling \$165,021. We haven't yet heard from 19 of this year's pledges that add up to \$20,313, so if these pledges all are renewed and unchanged, next year's pledges will total \$185,404, an increase of \$8,662 or 4.9% over the value of this year's pledges at the start of the campaign.

Respectfully submitted,
 Tim Peirce
 Finance Director

Religious Education Report April, 2015

April	4/5/2015	4/12/2015	4/19/2015	4/26/2015
Nursery Attendance :	Easter			
1st Service:	11	9	7	8
2nd Service:	6	9	7	8
Explorers	22	11	7	9
Middle School:	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

YRUU:	8	6	10	9

April started off wonderfully with Easter being a huge success. Our RE Brunch fundraiser raised close to \$500. Adrian Andersen and I have talked about using part of the money to purchase a Samsung tablet to use in the RE classes. The tablet would be used to download curriculum and to use for attendance purposes. This first tablet will be the first of what I hope will be at least 3-4 to use in every class, creating a paperless program.

I am hoping to continue working on the Children's Chapel area this Summer and beyond. This will be part of the Religious Exploration Strategic planning, to create an outdoor space for children's worship services and also an outdoor classroom. Below are some pictures of what a space may look like. The only addition I would make is creating a "sign" space where a chalk board or white board could be hung to use during workshops and classes.

Finally I have some parents wanting to create a children's garden. I have talked with them about putting it into the strategic plan and we will, but some want to use the Summer to get it started. I have also added a picture of a temporary garden that could be created until a permanent project gets started. Is this something the board would be ok with starting, as long as it is not a permanent structure?

We will have enough children to run our World Religions Camp this Summer. Looking forward to working with Adrian Andersen and Elenah Buckner on a wonderful week long camp.

Kathleen