

**SUUN Board Meeting
Minutes -- June 13, 2015**

Attending Julie McKane (First UU), Phil Comer (Chalice), Rev Frank Placone-Willey (Summit), Vicky Newman (UUFSD)

Absent Barbre Bryan (So Bay), David Cochran (Palomar), Karen McComb (Chalice), Susan Riegel-Harding (First UU)

Board Membership Issues

We welcomed new Board member Phil Comer (Chalice) and we wish Barbre Bryan healing thoughts as she recovers from appendectomy.

Current SUUN Board:

Chalice Representatives	Karen McComb, Phil Comer
First UU Representatives	Julie McKane, Susan Riegel-Harding
First UU (South Bay) Representative	Barbre Bryan
Palomar Representatives	David Cochran
Summit Representatives	?? (Rev Frank acting rep through August 2015)
UUFSD Representatives	Vicky Newman, Kim Douwes (beginning July 2015)
Ministerial Representative	Frank Placone-Willey (through August 2015)
Ministerial Representative	Elizabeth Bukey (beginning September 2015)

We are looking for congregational representatives for several congregations:

- Barbre Bryan is moving back to San Diego, so will not be regularly attending South Bay in future. Julie will work with Barbre to identify another South Bay rep.
- Ann Kay (Palomar) has asked to be replaced. Hopefully, David will work with Rev Beth to identify another Palomar rep.
- We discussed various options to insure that religious education and social justice events and activities in the Cluster would be represented. We also discussed the hope that a Board member would agree to focus on the website (working as liaison with webmaster Ame).
- Karen continues as the Board liaison and Vicky continues to be the Board liaison for musical events.

Familiarize Congregations with SUUN

We all probably need to continue to educate our congregations about SUUN. Susan had written an article for First UU publication last year. And Vicky drafted an article this month about SUUN to be published in the UUFSD Quarterly Magazine (longer version) and also in the UUFSD Weekly Newsletter (shorter version). Vicky's draft included with these minutes in case other representatives would like to use some or all of it (edited for their congregation) to help in this education effort.

Website/Social Media Issues

- Until liaisons for religious education, social justice, and website are identified, we agreed that each Board representative would be responsible for sharing information about upcoming events of interest to the Cluster, so that these events could be publicized and promoted through the SUUN website and Facebook.
- We agreed that the best way to insure timely listing of events of interest to the Cluster on the SUUN website and Facebook is to send event information by email to all Board members, copying Ame Stanko (webmaster). If there are no objections from Board members within 24-48 hours, then Ame is to list the event on SUUN website and Karen is to include event information on SUUN website.
- Blog posts for SUUN website are needed.
 - We agreed to add this item to our Board agenda and request that representatives bring ideas/drafts to discuss at each meeting.
 - Karen and Ame to report at next meeting about Blog and Facebook subscriptions.
- Ame has requested short articles about the following for the SUUN website:
 - SOLACE (Barbre to draft)
 - Musical events (Vicky to draft)

Joint Board Meeting

Representatives from each congregation are to invite their newly elected Board members to the Cluster-wide Board meet/greet event on 9/12/15 at UUFSD from 3-4 PM (immediately preceding the Cluster BBQ & Concert). Program for this gathering is to be planned at our next Board meeting. In addition to fostering connections/communications between congregations, an important reason for this gathering is to familiarize Board members with SUUN including:

The purpose of SUUN is to help the UU congregations of San Diego County to:

- Coordinate and publicize their programs and resources
- Provide mutual encouragement, aid, and support
- Strengthen their relations with one another and
- Affirm, promote, and practice the Principles and Purposes of Unitarian Universalism.

Cluster BBQ – 9/12/15 at UUFSD

Refer to draft outline sent with agenda. We agreed to work on more details at our July 11 Board meeting.

Important for now that Board representatives publicize this event to their congregations and get the event onto their calendars. A draft flyer is attached for Board review.

Vicky is meeting with Jill Reis, UUFSD Music Director, on June 21 regarding the concert. She will talk with Jill about sound & about asking Stu Holmes (Chalice) if he will run sound again this year. Preliminary agreement is that there will be music in amphitheater from 4:15-7:45 PM. Grunnion Run (Chalice) is booked for event. Jill has begun to reach out to other musical groups in Cluster.

Vicky is taking care of reserving UUFSD space for the event, scheduling (paid) childcare (for children 5 and younger only), and also scheduling UUFSD setup/cleanup personnel.

Vicky will work with Tracey (UUFSD administrator) to obtain liquor license.

Frank will talk with the Summit Men's Fellowship about handling the grilling, and Mike Dorfi needs to be contacted to see if First UU Men's Fellowship will also commit to helping with grilling and BBQ event in general. (Julie and/or Susan to reach out to Mike Dorfi about this & report back to Board).

Vicky will set up EventBrite registration. We agreed that the requested donation will be \$5/person (to support SUUN and help defray event costs). However, it is to be made clear that this donation is optional. Need to work on wording.

Susan to bring previous food shopping list to next Board meeting.

Budget Issues

Review contribution (by congregation) total = \$3,800/year. Since church year begins on July 1, we should have more funds coming. Frank suggested that representatives reach out to our Treasurer to make sure that funds budgeted to SUUN are paid in a timely way.

Latest available budget (3/31/15) = \$3,316)

2014 BBQ total expenses = \$2,884 (including food, musicians, staff), so we can offer the BBQ without charge, though donations would definitely help the SUUN budget.

Musical Events (SUUN-Sponsored or Co-Sponsored)

Taste of UU at UUFSD on September 12, 2015.

Cabaret & Cabernet with Chris Hassett & Drew Massicot at UUFSD on November 7, 2015.

Vicky is hoping SUUN will sponsor or co-sponsor a Carrie Newcomer Concert either at UUFSD or First UU in early 2016.

- Vicky requests that Board representatives take a few minutes to view this brief NPR interview will give you a sense of her <http://www.pbs.org/wnet/religionandethics/2014/07/25/july-25-2014-carrie-newcomer/23667/>
- Angelina Carpenter (First UU) has reached out to the Quaker community requesting some support, which looks promising, as Carrie is a Quaker and bringing her from Indiana costs more than our local musicians.
- Date that works best with Carrie's schedule is February 13, 2016 (Saturday). Please check your calendars to see if this date might work in hopes that some of your membership might come out to support this wonderful musician.

- Vicky requests your input on likely interest/attendance from your congregations for this event ... before July 11 Board meeting if possible, as scheduling commitment needs to be made likely before July 11.

We also discussed the possibility of a rap concert (to appeal to younger members/friends). Vicky requests that Board reps reach out to their youth groups and RE to gauge their interest/support of either of these options:

- Potentially featuring Rev Frank's son Ian Willey, who is an assistant principal in New York and a rap artist (see www.icwill.com and/or view video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KX_mHqh_jSk).
- Nimo Patel (who does concerts all over the world without charge). More information here <http://www.emptyhandsmusic.com/> and please listen to "Grateful" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sO2o98Zpzg8> to get a sense of his message & style.

Other Issues

Planning for 2015-2016 year – need to begin planning soon, hopefully begin some preliminary planning for events after BBQ at our next meeting.

Future Meeting Schedule (all at First UU Library unless otherwise noted)

July 11

August 22 (as Vicky out of town August 8 and Frank out of town August 8-15)

September 12 (no regular meeting as all Board involved in SUUN BBQ)

October 10

November 14

December 12

Related Documents

Article about SUUN for Congregational Publications (UUFSD version)

Taste of UU Event Outline

Taste of UU Flyer (draft)