

## Minutes of SUUN Board Meeting

March 19, 2016 – 10-11:45 AM

First UU Hillcrest

Board Attending	Elizabeth Bukey (Chalice & Ministerial Rep), Jennifer White (Palomar Rep), Phil Comer (Chalice Rep), Vicky Newman (UUFSD & Music Rep)
Board Absent	Alison Crotty (UUFSD & RE Rep), Andy Nguyen (First UU So Bay Rep), Julie McKane (First UU Hillcrest Rep)
Guests	Adrienne McCord (UUFSD Director of Connections), Ian Riddell (First UU Music Director)

### Board Member Update

Adrienne is interested in helping facilitate connections between our SD congregations. It's not clear if Irv Himelblau will be joining SUUN Board as Social Justice Rep.

SUUN Board membership: is Irv Himelblau joining SUUN as a Social Justice rep. from UUFSD?

### Visioning SUUN Moving Forward

Issues discussed included:

- Need more clarity on best/most effective role for SUUN (number & type of events to sponsor or co-sponsor with one or more congregations)
- Need more clarity about role of SUUN Board & what is expected of SUUN Board members
- What is best way to support SD congregations to encourage sharing ideas and comparing best practices?
- Do we want to change how often Board meets and/or consider video or audio conferences instead of "in-person" meetings?

Main conclusions from this discussion:

- Decided NOT to hold a summer SUUN Picnic & Concert this year.
- Decided that SUUN website and social media presence (Blog, Facebook, Twitter) is an important way to support collaboration & communication between SD congregations. Vicky to invite Ame Stanko (webmaster) to attend next SUUN Board Meeting (April 9) to discuss if/how SUUN web presence might be expanded and/or enhanced.

### Religious Education

Alison Crotty has been working with RE leaders on the Safe Campuses model. Question raised about whether makes sense for SUUN to have an RE rep, as long as RE's from each congregation are already in communication & collaborate on a regular basis. Will ask Alison to speak to this issue at next SUUN Board Meeting.

## **Social Justice**

Same issue raised (as with RE Rep) regarding a Social Justice Rep on SUUN Board. Again Social Justice activists from SD congregations already collaborate, so perhaps a Social Justice Rep on SUUN Board is not necessary.

Not clear about SUUN's role in helping with Mexico's National Children's Day at Border 4/29 or 4/30. Irv to provide an update hopefully either by email to SUUN reps and/or at next SUUN Board Meeting.

There was discussion about another social justice training similar to UUJMCA justice training on 3/5/16). Rev. Elizabeth and Irv working on this. We agreed best date would be in early afternoon at UUFSD or First Church, after our SUUN meeting on 5/14/16. Especially would like Social Justice Ministry and Social Action Committee chairs, other leaders, ministers to attend. More details to come.

## **Music**

Vicky encouraged Board members to help promote at their congregations the UUFSD musical event SPIRITUALITY THROUGH MUSIC, IMAGERY, & SOUND on 4/16/16 from 5:30 – 7:00 PM. Early-bird (discounted) tickets at <http://tinyurl.com/uufsdconcert>

Ian announced that the Ysaye Barnwell (vocalist with group Sweet Honey & Rock) workshop at First UU Hillcrest has been postponed until around November 2016.

## **Budget**

Contributions from all SD congregations have now been received. Budget reports are difficult to decipher, but we have a positive balance. Discussed SUUN applying for grants such as Chalice Lighters or UUA funds.

## **Next Meeting**

April 9, 2016 at First UU Hillcrest (10:00 – 11:45 AM)