

**Boise Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
Program Ministry Council
Monthly Report
March 15, 2015**

March's PMC meeting was "lightly" attended due to competing commitments of two members and illness and illness in the family of two other members. Thus, some of the topics this month will be revisited in April for a more inclusive/robust discussion.

Highlights of our March Meeting:

1. We welcomed Nancy Harms to our monthly meetings. Nancy has voiced a desire to support BUUF programs (committees/groups/teams) through her position as Office Assistant. As a whole, we are excited to be able to have this support! Welcome aboard, Nancy!
2. Miriam Woito reported an overwhelming response to the Stewardship Team's efforts to raise matching funds for the Capital Campaign/Retire the Debt - to the tune of \$78,000.(We understand the final figure is even higher!) This will make an April payment which could lower BUUF's overall debt possible. That effort might trim up to 1 year off the Retire the Debt; from 4-3 yrs. Good News! There is an all-congregational mailing going out soon, the Second Saturday Potluck will be hosted by Stewardship and plans are being made for the AGD kickoff on April 19th. Support was voiced for hosting the event at BUUF as this is our home and it's what we're asking congregants to financially support.
3. The Welcoming Task Force is up and running under the direction of Jay Wechselberger.
4. Though struggling a bit with sufficient volunteers, New UU classes that result in new members joining the church have been hosted in January. The next round in March will result in a Joining Sunday on Celebration Sunday - what a great combo!
5. The Safety Team's suggested Plate Partner is SPAN (Suicide Prevention Action Network) and they have been making progress in getting to know them (and they in turn us). From the Social Justice Ministry perspective it is our hope to pair committees/groups with Plate Partners that are in some way related to the committee's mission/vision in the world so that collaboration and relationship building is possible. The Idaho Food Bank Backpack Program and it's relationship with the (now defunct) Hunger Action/Food Supply group is an example of one such pairing. SPAN is the newest example of this fledgling effort. Stay tuned for updates in the BUUF News.
6. The PMC was asked by Tom von Alten about it's absence on the BUUF website. As we discussed it we decided we want the PMC to be linked/associated with the programs at BUUF as they are posted on the website. However, we didn't know exactly how that might look given that there are efforts underway to update/revamp the BUUF website. Dana pointed out typically a church's website is intended to be the faces of the congregation to the external/outside world. Some of what we discussed dealt with our own internal communication and efforts to collaborate among ourselves; e.g., The Gift Acceptance Process, Two Proposal Forms - For Activities/Events and Fundraisers - all

of which come before the PMC for consideration and approval. Given that so many of the PMC members were absent, this topic will be revisited for further discussion.

7. The PMC was asked by the Ministerial Search Committee to assist with hosting a series of meetings with the committees/groups/task forces of the PMC with the ministerial candidate during his/her weeklong visit. We envision setting up individual meetings for specific groups that interface quite a bit with the minister (Worship, CCT, RE Team and Quest) and then hold hour drop-in, evening sessions for committees within the four strands. The goal is to give committees a chance to interview the candidate from their own specific point of view.
8. Paul S. reported BUUF is approaching the time of transition for the Building and Grounds Coordinator position. The time is close when the money will run out and our community will need to figure out how to manage building maintenance and landscape upkeep and maintenance by other means - including how these tasks will be administered and supervised (something Paul himself has been doing). There is no grand plan here (yet) and it is Paul's hope to pull together stakeholders to discuss potential future options. At this time, identified stakeholders include; Building Maintenance/Physical Plant Cmte., Outdoor Sanctuary (formerly Landscape Cmte.), Bridge Event Center Cmte., Interiors Cmte. possibly DRE and the RE Team.
9. Finally, David Fitch informed us that he will resign his position as Co-Chair following the Annual Meeting in May. He has enjoyed getting to know and work with the PMC. However, with his wife retirement within reach and her decision to resign her position as Board Treasurer, he thought it made sense to free-up himself to join her. He and Cathy will now coordinate each finding their own replacements more carefully.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cathy Carmen, PMC Co-chair