

Program Director  
BUUF Annual Report for June 4, 2017  
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The position of Program Director (quarter-time) was created this year to develop and facilitate several one-time events (public forums or workshops), especially towards BUUF becoming certified as a Green Sanctuary and re-certified as a Welcoming Congregation. This position was also to be used to relieve some of the duties of BUUF's Director of Religious Education (also a quarter-time position), such as the adult programs and the events in support of the OutCenter. In addition, this position was to provide BUUF with a paid staff member to assist, when necessary, in coordinating several committees (Membership, Social Justice, Aesthetics, Marketing, etc.). Funding for this position came from a one-year grant by BUUF's Endowment Committee.

My attempts at several one-time events, such as Everything You Should Know About Our Local Environment, White Privilege, and the OutCenter's Ally Boot Camp, were either unsuccessful or not completed. Kristen Lownds has volunteered to co-facilitate the Ally Boot Camp and with her help we will eventually complete that project which may then become an ongoing event. In October BUUF hosted the third annual OutCenter Teen Pride Halloween Party and following in May we hosted Night for Equality 2, the fundraiser organized by Carmen Smith and Eve Berndt for the OutCenter Teen Pride Prom. We plan on hosting both of these events again next year.

I've put together an assessment team and begun the process of being recertified as a Welcoming Congregation, which I hope to complete in the next year.

I feel continuing the paid Program Director position will be beneficial for BUUF in the long run, and perhaps someone else could do a better job next year than I did this year. However, during budget discussions at the May Board meeting I recommended that this position could be cut if necessary to make ends meet. If this position is cut, I will continue in my capacity as Director of Religious Education (or as a volunteer) to maintain BUUF's relationship with the OutCenter by hosting their events and producing the Ally Boot Camp. I will also continue leading the process of recertifying BUUF as a Welcoming Congregation.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Sarra