

## **Minutes of the Welcoming Congregation Committee – November 4, 2018**

Attending: Charles and Dorothy Long, Julie Williams, Gloria Weberg, Dave Sarra, and Harvey Johnson.

The meeting lasted for about an hour and a half, from about noon to 1:30 PM.

We reviewed the results of the UUA Welcoming Congregation survey completed by 28 BUUFers. Hard copies were delivered to the Whitcomb Retirement Center for Tom Arbanas and Paul Willer, but have not yet been included in the results. Dave will pick up their completed surveys next week.

In general, the majority of the respondents felt BUUF was doing a good job of supporting the LGBTQ community; however, many of the newer BUUFers replied that they were not completely aware of our involvement with LGBTQ issues. We need to improve our communications and increase the number of presentations to our fellowship. We considered leading quarterly Sunday services on LGBTQ issues ourselves, as Julie mentioned that the Sunday Service Committee has no money available to pay for speakers. One of the five pillars of maintaining Welcoming Congregation status (beginning in 2019) is sharing UUA-approved webinars with our fellowship. We discussed the possibility of doing so after the service on a potluck Sunday as well as providing necessary information during five-minute segments within the Sunday service. Dave agreed to talk to the BUUF Board and Jim McConnell about leading quarterly Sunday services (as well as forwarding the link to the survey results to Jim).

We decided that each of us will bring our ideas for five-minute presentations within the Sunday service to our next WCC meeting, presently scheduled for noon after the service on Sunday, December 2, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dave Sarra