

Board Consent Agenda Report

Date: May 21, 2019

Name of Committee/Team or Job Position: Board President

Name of Person Submitting the Report: Lisa Marie Fuller

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Dear Members and Friends of Berrien UU Fellowship,

It's been a very good year at the Fellowship. I am a little nervous about donations falling short of pledges for the church year ending June 30, 2019, but I'm overjoyed by so much that our fellowship is accomplishing, both inside and outside our sanctuary walls. Instead of writing pages and pages of praise, I'll just itemize the accomplishments that really stand out to me (in no particular order).

Sunday Services speakers and musicians | Worship arts improvements | Whole congregation worship initiative | Children's RE, adult faith development programs | Weekly Announce newsletter | Attendance and participation (at all events) | Provision of daytime and evening childcare | Parents Night Out (woot!) | RE Summer Camp | Change for Change | Our series of congregational meetings (State of the Fellowship, Budget, and Annual Meeting) | New window installation (soon to be 'windows' plural) | Training of young leaders Katharine Lion and Beth La Fleur who with the support of the fellowship and their families attended MidWest Leadership School | Our Chalice Lighter grant approval to introduce a part-time Music Director | Our Membership and voting member growth | The Endowment Committee's streamlined, socially responsible investment plan | Welcoming Congregation activities | Support to--and relationship with--the OutCenter | Our Green Sanctuary activities--including solar power, monthly movie, composting, and gardening, especially the shout out we (Harvey) received from the Fresh Start Children's Garden | Our dedicated, hard-working (paid, but insufficiently compensated) staff: Rev. Jim McConnell, Director of RE and Adult Faith Development Katharine Lion, Office Administrator Joanne Krettek, Pianist and accompanist Candace Onweller, and childcare workers Daphne Martz and Keely Small | All of the activities and celebrations for BUUF's 60th Anniversary and the 10th Anniversary of Rev. Jim's ministerial service to BUUF | And the exhausting list of *strictly volunteer* efforts provided by Harvey Johnson, David Sarra, Dorothy Long, Beth La Fleur, and Brian Kemp, plus staffers Rev. Jim, Katharine and Joanne. (I do a few things around the fellowship, too, but these folks are truly our unsung heroes.) Ask them (and yourself) 'What have you been doing for the good of the fellowship lately?' (PS staying home and taking care of yourself when necessary counts)

My hopes for the coming year:

Continuation of the rich programming established this year

More community awareness of our 'UU principle informed' and BUUF mission-driven activities

A worship service created, delivered and led by our youth

A music director to organize, coordinate and introduce a music ministry to the fellowship

More voting members and new people willing to participate in the leadership of the fellowship

Establish a major externally focused fundraiser

More people doing the necessary chores of running the fellowship and maintaining the building and grounds (Hospitality Teams for Sunday Service set-up and clean-up are sorely needed)

Thank you all for your religious liberalism and dedication to BUUF.

Blessed Be, Lisa