

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2016-2017

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CUCC currently has 10 diverse social groups that organize activities and events throughout the year. The leaders of each group work hard to provide exciting activities, which are a great way for CUUC's members and friends to get to know one another better. Generally, each group has "regulars" who attend consistently, but each group would benefit from the infusion of new members. One strategy for encouraging additional participation would be for each group leader to contribute one article/promotional piece each year to be included in the Eblast and newsletter. Each group could be assigned a month in which to provide this information. Another potential strategy is that group leaders be provided with a list of new church members then contact them directly to invite their participation.

Program	Contact Person	E-mail	Description / Activities 2016 - 2017	Plans for 2017 – 2018
Bridge Group	Clint Burleson	Bridge-Group@egroups.chuchdb.com and Clint at clint@baconfire.com or Dick at hildenbrand@dfwair.net	Bridge meets once a month, usually the 3rd Sunday afternoon of the month at the host for the month's home (the week, time and day depends on the host's preference). The group enjoys the fun game of bridge while socializing each month. The group currently has 16 regular members and 2 substitutes. If you would like to join or play with the group, contact Clint Burleson	Continue the same format and welcome new members.
Circle Suppers	John Snyder	Circle-Suppers-a@egroups.churchdb.com	Circle Suppers meet the 2nd Saturday of the month from September through May. Attendance averaged 18 guests per month 2 hosts. We let new folks know about the program, however parents with younger kids normally won't sign up because Circle Suppers is not designed with kids in mind. There are currently 34 families signed up for Circle Suppers. One concern is that attendance was lower this year than in the past few years.	Continue the same format. In the summer I cull the list by sending an email to anyone who hasn't participated in the past year to see if they are still interested. Next year I plan to include a weekly paragraph in the UUpdate to catch the attention of new members.

First Friday Folksingers	Charlie Battista	First-Friday-Folksingers@egroups.churchdb.com	First Friday Folksingers meets the 1st Friday of every month to enjoy the fellowship of singing together. This past year, we provided music for the annual Service in the Park.	Friday Folksingers are always looking for singers and musicians to join them at the First Friday Folk Sings.
Friday Night Flicks	Alice Mayo	AliceMM3@aol.com Friday-Night-Flicks@egroups.churchdb.com	Friday Night Flicks meets the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month at 7PM in Founder's Hall, unless the Hall has been reserved for another event. We've enjoyed watching 2 movies every month this past year. Members can request specific films to be shown or bring a film to share their favorites with the group.	Continue watching great films and welcome any newcomers.
Genealogy Interest Group	Ona Tannehill	onatannehill@verizon.net Genealogy-Group@egroups.churchdb.com	The genealogy group meets on the third Thursday of the month in Founders Hall. The purpose of the genealogy group is to facilitate, support and assist each other in family history research. We discuss updates of current projects, share new resources we have discovered, and provide assistance and ideas to those who are having problems finding their information.	Continue the same format and welcome new members.
Men's Fellowship		Mens-Fellowship@egroups.churchdb.com bryan.bristol@yahoo.com	Men's Fellowship continued the monthly breakfasts, where they meet the 3rd Saturday of each month at Poor Richards. At this time, the meeting at Poor Richard's is the only regular activity of this group. Bryan Bristol sends a reminder of the monthly breakfast meeting, but the group needs someone to take primary responsibility for scheduling activities, promoting membership, and providing outreach.	Continue the monthly breakfasts. Seek group leader.

HoUUse Jam	Jay Leslie, Dick Hildenbrand	hhildenbrand@dfwair.net	<p>HoUUse Jam purchased a drum kit with the remainder of funds generated from the June 2015 Coffeehouse Concert. Now if we could find a drummer, we'd be all set.</p> <p>We continue to meet most Mondays, with people joining and leaving the band organically. We have seven regulars, two on guitar (Jay Leslie, Bob Hicks), one on bass (Kent Selander), keyboards (Jonas Bunte), alto sax (Dick Hildenbrand), two vocalists (Dick Hildenbrand, Jeannette Baillie). We've not had any gigs since Memorial Day 2016, but we offered a gig at the Service Auction, which was purchased by Jo Howser – date TBD, and will consider other offers to perform.</p>	Continue weekly sessions and secure a few performance gigs.
Literary Ladies Book Club	Deb Bliss	plano.bliss@verizon.net	<p>Literary Ladies meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month. They read and discuss fiction, nonfiction, history, classic and new selections for a total of 12 books. They enjoyed interesting discussions each month at different members' homes. Janet Belden has subbed for Deb in leading the meetings when she has a conflict. We send out notes from the discussion to members and a reminder about the next meeting about 10 days out. We put an article in the newsletter each month to invite visitors and new members.</p>	Continue the same format and welcome new members.
Outdoor Adventure	Dick Hildenbrand	outdooradventure@communityuuchurch.org	<p>Regular organized activities consisted of the campouts in October (Tyler State Park) and April (Eisenhower State Park). Members of other NTUUC congregations are now regularly invited to our campouts, providing an opportunity for inter-congregational fellowship. Fall Campout participants numbered 49,</p>	Fall campout at Tyler State Park, (October 13-15, 2017; Spring campout at Eisenhower State Park, date TBD (other congregations invited).

			<p>(Community - 30, Horizon - 2, 1st Dallas - 12, and 5 others (total of 26 adults and 23 children/youth.)</p> <p>Spring Campout participants numbered 98, Community - 53, Horizon - 8, 1st Dallas - 27, Pathways - 5, and 5 others (total of 51 adults and 47 children/youth).</p> <p>The spring campout was attended by the boys and leaders of the Cub Scout pack that the church is sponsoring.</p> <p>Noteworthy also is that about half of our participants are coming from the other congregations, which has been an intentional thrust for the past few years to promote inter-congregational interaction.</p>	
Women's Alliance	Vicki Verinder and Kimberly Hughes	Womens-Alliance@egroups.churchdb.com	<p>Women's Alliance started their activities with a Garden Party in the beautiful garden of Jo Howser's home. We also held our annual Holiday Party at Victoria Rachael's home. We donated funds for a new dishwasher for the kitchen. We also donated money for the re-flooring of the entranceway into the church. Our Annual retreat was held at Glen Lakes Camp in Glen Rose where our business meeting included a discussion of the SWUUW convention in Dallas and the upcoming one in Austin. One emphasis this year was to educate our membership about the wider UU women's community with information about SWUUW, the national Women's Federation, other WA groups, and the General Assembly coming up in June.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue attracting new members and friends. • End of Year potluck on June 17th in Founders Hall. To include annual elections for next years board. • Plan our annual retreat, holiday party, and a garden party at Jo's. • Continue informing our members on wider UU women's opportunities through district, regional and national events held by the respective organizations. • Through dues, yearly fundraisers and time we help the church by contributing to the annual raffle and helping with other tasks around the facilities.