

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF MANHATTAN
ANNUAL MEETING – SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2013

The annual meeting was called to order by Chair, Scott Tanona at 12:07 PM.
It was noted that a quorum was present.

Tanona discussed the agenda.

Tanona welcomed all and gave a brief description of the Consultant experience of last year. He noted that the main recommendations from the consultant were for changes in addressing fundraising involving separating the finance committee from the fundraising committee. It was also recommended that the UUFM develop a vision statement.

Michael Nelson gave a reading by Ken Patton entitled *This House*.

Anne Cowan, chair of the nominating committee, presented a slate of officers as follows:

Chair elect: Kathleen Tanona

Secretary: Sue Pray

Member at large: Katie Kingery Page

There were no nominations from the floor. It was moved and seconded that the slate be accepted by unanimous approval. Motion passed by voice vote.

Tanona gave an update of the new Stewardship process and how this process connects UU and personal values with pledging. It was stated that about 50% of pledges for this next year have been made.

Tanona stated that there will be a written summary of the Stewardship conversations distributed in the future.

Betty Banner, Treasurer, presented the proposed budget for the 2013-14 year which begins June 1, 2013. Total needed is \$130,558. A motion was made and seconded to accept the budget as presented.

Banner thanked all who have contributed to the finances this past year, including all those pledging, the finance committee, the fundraising activities, the committee chairs and the grocery coupon project managers.

Banner described how the budget was developed and commented on some increase costs that have occurred. The initial budget proposal came from the Finance committee after input from committees. This draft went to the UUFM executive board where some changes were suggested. The budget returned to the finance committee for final wording.

The UUFM insurance policy has increased cost. Banner explained that this insurance covers both the UUFM physical plant and employees.

In response to questions from the congregation Banner explained the need for some major building maintenance projects which are not included in this budget due to need for better information about the cost. Banner explained how UUFM pays dues to UUA and to PSD. Most committees will have a budget close to their budget of this year. Cost of utilities was discussed.

The need for the child care person to be an employee was explained.

Michael Oldfather moved to amend the budget by \$1372 to enable hiring Renea Hawley as the pianist for 34 Sundays when Slawimir is not present. This was seconded.

Hawket will be paid \$25/hour or about \$40 per Sunday. Oldfather explained that a concerted effort had been made to find a UUFM volunteer member to replace Marolyn Caldwell.

There was discussion about this amendment including the priorities of the UUFM financial needs and the need for having accompaniment for hymns on Sunday morning.

The motion to amend the budget was passed using paper ballot:

Yes: 36 No: 10 Abstention: 1

This brought the proposed budget to \$131,930

The question for the total budget was called and passed unanimously.

The budget of \$131,930 was voted on and passed unanimously by voice vote.

It was noted that this leaves the budget unbalanced.

There was no other business presented.

Tom Phillips, the incoming UUFM Chair made remarks and noted that the Fellowship, founded in 1956, has come a long way and is in good shape. He expressed his support for the need for a shared vision for the UUFM.

The annual meeting was adjourned by Scott Tanona at 1:04 PM

Minutes submitted by Anne Cowan