

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Manhattan
Board Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2016

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board was held on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 beginning at 7 p.m. Present were:

Reverend Jonalu Johnstone, Minister
Katie Kingery-Page, Chair
Matt Campbell, Chair Elect
Kathleen Tanona, Past Chair
Mark Clarke, Member-at-Large
Jessica Sievers, Secretary
Kathleen Oldfather, Treasurer
Susan Turner, Office Administrator
Sandy Nelson, Director of Religious Education

The meeting began with check in, then Reverend Jonalu Johnstone provided opening words from the book *Not for Ourselves Alone*, followed by lighting the chalice.

The minutes of the December meeting were submitted in draft. Tanona moved to approve the minutes. The motion passed by voice vote.

Minister's Report: (see report)

- Adult RE classes up and coming
- Older members' interested in topic of death and dying, collaborate with Linda Kroeger
- MAPJ sponsoring Sister Simone Campbell
- Submitted next book draft to Skinner House
- Sunday Service attended by 72 adults and 32 children feels crowded
- Ten attended for RCPD focus group

DRE Report: (see report)

- December averaged 15 children per Sunday, lower during break
- Planned January activity: ice skating and hot chocolate
- Working on budget with RE Committee
- OWL schedule being formulated for February-March
- Parent Night Out Volunteers needed, contemplating 100% paid staffing

Treasurer's Report: (see report)

- December was a good income month at \$24,262
- Craft and Bake Sale raised \$1,114
- Committees are working on budget requests for next year
- Added Section 125 Plan for employees' health insurance
- Now have online access to Greater Manhattan Community Foundation account
- Need to review compensation budget with Rev. Johnstone and Kingery-Page

New Business:

UUA Annual Certification:

Vote on which of the following Congregational Study/Action Issues should be added to the 2016 General Assembly agenda for consideration

- Yes: A National Conversation on Race
- No: The Corruption of Our Democracy
- Yes: Climate Change and Environmental Justice

- Yes: Ending Gun Violence in America

Nominating Committee Update:

Committee Members:

- Kathleen Tanona, Chair
- Jane Pelletier
- Shirley Hobrock

Open Board Positions:

- Member at large
- Chair elect
- Treasurer: Kathleen Oldfather nominated

New Member Directory:

- Discussed making an electronic file available through Turner
- Printed copies will also be available

Old Business:

Strategic Planning Committee Update:

Members thus far confirmed:

- Nathan Albin
- Sylvia Beeman
- Matt Campbell, ex-officio
- Mark Clarke
- Brice Hobrock
- Reverend Jonalu Johnstone, ex-officio
- Katie Kingery-Page, ex-officio
- Kathleen or Scott Tanona

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Sievers, Secretary