

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Manhattan  
Minutes

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board was held on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 beginning at 7 p.m. Present were:

Reverend Jonalu Johnstone, Minister  
Matt Campbell, Chair  
Courtney Albin, Chair Elect  
Katie Kingery-Page, Past Chair  
Chris Bailey, Member-at-Large  
Linda Kroeger, Member-at-Large  
Kathleen Oldfather, Treasurer  
Jessica Sievers, Secretary  
Sandy Nelson, Director of Religious Education

The meeting began with check in, and then Reverend Jonalu Johnstone provided opening words from Paul Rasor about the tension of the American condition and maintaining hope, followed by lighting the chalice.

Oldfather moved to approve the December minutes with amendments, Bailey seconded, motion passed by voice vote.

**Strategic Planning Committee Report- Kathleen Tanona:**

- Presented Board-approved site assessment by BBN Architects Inc
- Aerial views of current property taken
- Examined issues with existing septic system- no updates in years
- Current site has possibilities:
  - Expand parking lot and sanctuary, two-level addition, multipurpose room
  - Requires re-locating septic system
  - Could be phased development
- There is another plan option that would not be as expensive

**Minister's Report:** (see report)

- Without Social Action Chair, passing along information as opportunities arise:
  - Kansas People's Agenda rally at the Capitol on January 11—I am inviting community members who I have been working with on issues over the last year
  - Building Beloved Community event in Lawrence in February
  - Making Change group in Manhattan
- Membership is 112, invited prospective members to Path to Membership Classes
- No new visitors signed guestbook in December
- Continuing Facebook outreach
- Attended Manhattan Ministerial Association, MAPJ Board meeting
- Happy Kitchen substitute, helped coordinate MESI shopping for Helping Hands
- Demonstrated in support of KSU service workers receiving increased pay
- Preached four Sundays and led Christmas Eve service
- Christmas Eve service well-attended, though Christmas Day attendance was scanty -- not surprising. However, the people present needed to have something there
- Led two Chalice Circles, Sunday Service feedback session, Staff Meeting
- Attended Board and Strategic Planning meetings, AWED, and Craft & Bake Sale
- Attended UUMA cluster meeting, Co-led webinar for UU ministers

- Completed essay to be published in upcoming Skinner House Book

### **Chair Report:**

- Update on ReImageMHK: Congregational Meeting scheduled Sunday, February 5
- Updates on Bathroom and Gun Policies: exploring options for purchasing signage
- Update on Building Use Policy: Kathleen Tanona developing policy

### **DRE Report:** (see report)

- December had light attendance, average was 17-21 students
- December Family Fun Event: Crafting and Cookies had over 30 attend
- Social Action: Guest at Your Table, FIT Closet, MESI, Fruit Cups
- No classes/childcare December 24 and 25
- Holiday Break for Pre-K—2 through January 1
- OWL for teens completed, congregational recognition celebration January 22
- OWL 4-6<sup>th</sup> grades with seven or eight students starts next week through March, taught by Carolyn Ferguson and Christopher Renner
- Fall programming: World Religions with themes and UUism
- Designed and produced OWL informational brochure

### **Treasurer's Report:** (see report)

- December income \$9,315: \$5,751 pledges, \$525 ministerial pledges, \$1,835 Craft & Bake Sale, \$425 memorial donations in memory of Barbara Hacker
- Expenses \$11,126; year to date -\$5,112 which includes a \$10,000 transfer from ministerial savings
- Pledges for year are around \$100,109; -\$1,100 due to death/resignation; \$37,327 outstanding, which is normal as many pledges come in monthly
- Developing Pledging Plan for 60 day period in spring with Scott Tanona and Bailey with goal to increase number of pledging participants

### **New Business:**

- For UUA Certification, respond to Congregational Questionnaire query, “What services, resources or programs from the UUA has your congregation used in the past year?” Selected answers: Stewardship or fundraising resources; UUA email lists; Leadership development; and Consultation with UUA staff member
- Kingery-Page moved to support UUA’s Draft of Statement of Conscience entitled “Escalating Inequality” to appear on the 2017 General Assembly Final Agenda, Albin seconded, motion passed by voice vote
- UUFM Annual Meeting scheduled for April 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Report from Nominating Committee (Kingery-Page, Mark Clarke, and Shirley Hobrock):
  - Chair Elect: Jessica Sievers
  - Member-at-Large: Eli Martinson
  - Secretary: TBA
- Organizational Structure Update:
  - Scan in board members’ submissions into a living document- Campbell
  - Develop draft of new structure to present to Council of Committees- Johnstone, Campbell, Albin
  - Utilize COC time to do exercises and finalize organizational structure

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Sievers, Secretary