

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Manhattan  
Board Meeting Minutes  
October 10, 2017

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

Reverend Jonalu Johnstone, Minister  
Matt Campbell, Past Chair  
Courtney Albin, Chair  
Jessica Sievers, Chair Elect  
Kathleen Oldfather, Treasurer  
Eli Martinson, Member-at-Large  
Sandy Nelson, Director of Religious Education

The meeting began with check in, and then Reverend Jonalu Johnstone provided opening words from Gary E. Smith, Start Right Here, and then the chalice lighting.

**Chair Report:**

Developmental Ministry Evaluation Update:

- Survey was posted online with 32 responses to date
- Interviewing Rev. Jonalu, Board Members, small groups
- Difficult to separate Developmental Ministry progress from Rev. Jonalu's impact
- Will make recommendation to the Board next month
- Will share findings with congregation Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Congregational meeting Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> to consider renewing contract with Rev. Jonalu

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

- Continued concerns about hate incidents on KSU campus:
  - Interfaith gathering supporting Jewish community after sukkah vandalized
  - Gathering at Bosco Plaza after "god hates fags" graffiti by student union
- Handout on "Beloved Conversations: Meditations on Race & Ethnicity" around March- raising money on UU crowdfunding platform Faithify
- Aimee Fowler is stepping down from Social Justice Committee, will meet with Laura Roberson tomorrow.
- Patti Johnson joined membership

**DRE Report:** (see report)

- Family Fun event: Trunk-Or-Treat October 29<sup>th</sup>
- Parent Night Out resumed, no attendees
- Looking for teachers
- Doing more lesson planning
- October's Pancake Lunch as Teen Lunch (third Sundays)
- Moved Pre-K and Kindergarten class to Alsop Room
- A Wed participation and Sunday socializing
- 54 youth

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

- Income \$5,200

- Caught up on dues
- Finance Committee Meeting reviewed policies, and recommends that estate monies be deposited into short-term CDs to earn higher interest
- When I completed all the paperwork for the UU Common Endowment (UUCEF) over two years ago, I selected the full payout of 6% a year. We are now getting about + - \$140 a quarter. This should probably be reduced to zero to not conflict with other requests approved by the Board.

**New Business:**

- It was moved and seconded that the Board follow the Finance Committee's recommendation: In accordance with UUFM's policy, the Finance Committee moves that bequests from the Jim Mitchell and Phoebe Samelson estates be considered "Expendable Endowment" funds and invested in short term CDs for the time being. Furthermore, the CDRS account established from Mitchell's initial bequest be reclassified as "Expendable Endowment." Motion passed.
- It was moved and seconded that the annual 6% payout from the UU Common Endowment Fund (UUCEF) be reduced to zero to not conflict with other requests approved by the Board. Motion passed.

**Old Business:**

Pride in Space & Leadership Structure Update

- Matt Campbell & Jessica Sievers met with Sylvia Beeman (Grounds Committee) and Mark Mayfield (Facilities Committee)
- Pitched plan for Pride in Space, how can the Board help, and upcoming re-structuring, created Google spreadsheet for UUFM Workday

The meeting adjourned, followed by the Developmental Ministry Evaluation Committee conducting an interview with the members of the Board for their evaluation.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Sievers, acting Secretary