

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Manhattan
Minutes

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board was held on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 beginning at 7 p.m. Present were:

Reverend Jonalu Johnstone, Minister
Matt Campbell, Chair
Courtney Albin, Chair Elect
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 Ellen Fay about winter and the Christmas season, followed by lighting the chalice.

Bailey moved to approve the November minutes and the new agenda, Kroeger seconded, motion passed by voice vote.

Minister's Report: (see report)

- Social Action Committee Update: Aimee Fowler and Sylvia Beeman will co-chair in about six months; group will re-convene in a few months
- Carolyn Kelly is updating bulletin board across from coat rack
- Planning Christmas Eve service

Chair Report: (see report)

- Developmental Ministry display board is ready to hang
- Update on ReImageMHK: developed different plan, keeping mascot for now
- Strategic Planning Committee meeting Thursday, Bowman and Assoc. to present options from initial analysis

DRE Report: (see report)

- November had light attendance due to Thanksgiving and no OWL
- Lower grades being combined
- No RE on Christmas
- Plan entering group in Mayor's Lighted Christmas Parade next year
- December Family Fun: crafts were successful

Treasurer's Report: (see report)

- November income \$15,651, expenses \$11,504, year to date -\$3,302
- Pledges are \$25,000 short of budgeted
- Rev Johnstone and Scott Tanona set goal of 90% of members to pledge
- Barbara Hacker's family requested some donation monies go toward memorial garden

New Business:

- Oldfather moved, Kroeger seconded to earmark \$500 to be spent this fiscal year to cover cost of sign and stones or other needed items in honor of Barbara Hacker, motion passed by voice vote
- Albin moved, Bailey seconded adopting a Gun Policy for UUFM, motion passed by voice vote
- Sievers moved, Kroeger seconded changing “Men’s” restroom to a Gender Neutral restroom and selecting new signage for women’s restroom also, motion passed by voice vote
- Developmental Ministry Goal Tracking discussion included establishing a process for evaluation before fall, recommendation to consider waiting to call a minister until full-time ministry is sustainable, and taking volunteers and nominations for committee
- Organizational Structure Update: board members present illustrations of UUFM’s organizational structure currently and in the future

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Sievers, Secretary