

UU Fellowship of Manhattan  
Board Meeting Minutes

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board was held on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 beginning at 7 p.m. Present were:

Reverend Jonalu Johnstone, Minister  
Katie Kingery-Page, Chair  
Matt Campbell, Chair Elect  
Kathleen Tanona, Past Chair  
Chris Bailey, Member-at-Large  
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 about congregations followed by lighting the chalice.

The minutes of the January meeting were submitted in draft. Oldfather moved and Tanona seconded to approve the minutes. The motion passed by voice vote.

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

- Topeka event
- Vision statement Sunday Service
- Pulpit exchange
- Path to Membership Series has four attendees
- Adult RE classes began
- Convener's Training February 21<sup>st</sup>
- Lots of community involvement in January

**Chair Report:** (see report)

- Building the Beloved Community, social action organizing day held at Topeka UU
  - Attracted lots of non-UU activists
  - Consider hosting next Beloved Community event
  - About 80 in attendance
  - Networking opportunities
- Upcoming National Women's Day meet-up at capitol
- News from MidAmerica re: Developmental Ministry support process
  - Contact: Dori Davenport Thexton
  - Interview with Reverend Johnstone
- Strategic Planning Committee coming together
- Congregational Study/Action Issues (CSAIs) submitted results of straw poll
- Turner to attend continuing education class about social media

- New coffee location set up
  - Some discussion about moving things from the kitchen to the Alsop room
  - RE teacher stated there did not seem to be added distraction with use of room dividers in place
  - New location not as obvious, some took conversation back to narthex
- Officially at 112 members and growing

**DRE Report:** (see report)

- January's average was 25.2 kids per Sunday. High of 36 kids with OWL
- February Winter Fest: Mardi Gras floats in the parade
- UUSC Guest at Your Table concluded with large offering
- Working on budget with RE committee
- Contemplating class structure

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

- Overview of last year's report
- Committees submitted budgets, new budget reflect amounts
- Facilities: Replacing sanctuary lights about \$5,000 not included in budget
- Payroll increase:
  - Minister budgeted from eight to twelve months
  - RE considering hiring outside teachers to work with rotating Fellowship members during the school year. These "Classroom Coordinators" would offer classroom management consistency, allow more collaboration, and provide more adult supervision on Sundays
  - Janitor Troy Fisher 3% raise
- Social Action increase:
  - Increase in Happy Kitchen Contribution
  - Community Project
  - Youth Leadership Project

**New Business:**

**Draft Budget Review:**

- Importance of investing in our vision, mission, children
- Envision Social Action Committee becoming resource for congregation
- Facilities budget underestimated
- Monies for [Lay] Leadership Development

**Discussion of lessons learned from visits to other Kansas congregations-** Tabled

**Nominating Committee Update:**

Committee Members:

- Kathleen Tanona, Chair
- Jane Pelletier
- Shirley Hobrock

Open Board Positions:

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

**Old Business:**

**Strategic Planning Committee Update:**

Meeting scheduled February 27<sup>th</sup>

Ordered resource book

Members thus far confirmed:

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Sievers, Secretary