

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Manhattan
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2017

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board was held on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 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 Jay Abernathy about Unitarian Universalist love, followed by lighting the chalice.

Bailey moved to approve the January Board and Congregational meeting minutes, Oldfather seconded, motion passed by voice vote.

Minister's Report: (see report)

- Member activities: Kansas People's Agenda rally; Building the Beloved Community workshop in Lawrence Feb. 4; Letters of support to the Islamic Center, Women's March in Topeka; Protest of the immigration executive order at KSU; Petitions objecting to cabinet appointments to Jerry Moran's office
- Welcoming five new members Feb. 12: Shannon Skelton, Angie Bower, Jess Finkemeier, Emily Fraser, and Rob Morrison
- Chalice Circles are recruiting additional members, also doing monthly Chalice Circle Light led by Michaela Sievers, following a service to sample Chalice Circles
- I am participating in an on-line class of UU ministers about nonviolent resistance with UU theologian Sharon Welch
- I will offer an overview of the History of UU Theology on February 12 following the service
 - Communications: Marisa Larson has been active- link on website to Facebook page; opened Trello account for communication between Rev. Johnstone, Sievers, and herself
 - Sunday attendance increasing, 115 chairs available in sanctuary
 - Regional Assembly late April near Chicago
 - General Assembly late June in New Orleans, may set up off-site voting delegates
 - We have also met with some of the Mennonite leadership about a possible joint project
 - Attended Board meeting, AWed potluck, Strategic Planning meeting and exploration meeting with the Mennonites, MAPJ board meeting and event responding to the inauguration and spoke at open mic, Manhattan Ministerial Association and ECM book group, Coalition for Equal Justice, Making Change (where I have joined the Affordable Housing task force), Shepherd's Crossing Annual Meeting and Dinner, promoted and attended Kansas People's Agenda Rally
 - Preached two Sundays, convened once, participated in another service
 - Led two Chalice Circles, Chalice Circle facilitators, staff meeting, Sunday Services Committee meeting, Meadowlark program, two Path to Membership classes
 - Offered greetings at Jim Mitchell's memorial service
 - Worked with Chair and Chair-Elect on reorganization possibilities

Chair Report:

- Drafted Letter to the Editor regarding new UUFM resolution about Indian mascot

DRE Report: (see report)

- January average attendance 28 students

- 2016-17 Classes: Instructors and students
- Nursery, Megan Reece= 5
- Pre-K, Sandy Nelson= 4
- K-2, Katherine Colburn= 15
- 3-6, Matt Sayre= 14
- 7+, Molly McGaughey= 16
- Social Action: Guest at Your Table, FIT Closet, MESI, Fruit Cups, SOUPer Bowl; overwhelming
- OWL 5-6th grade through mid-March, 7 students has begun, going well
- OWL 7-9th grade planned for spring 2018
- Able to actively participate in coffee and conversation after services

Treasurer's Report: (see report)

- January income \$20,983: \$14,059 pledges, \$2,525 ministerial pledges, \$409 Kroger (Dillon's Plus Cards), \$355 memorial donations, \$3,000 gift from Phoebe Samelson's charitable trust (via daughter Karen)
- Expenses \$14,535, paid quarterly UUA dues of \$1,665
- \$8,000 paid to Architect out of "Non-capital Growth Fund"
- January net income \$6,448
- Year to date \$1,336, includes \$10,000 transfer from ministerial savings
- Sent out reports for all donations, that can be tracked, during the tax year 2016
- Budgeting: Sent forms to committee chairs with expenses to date, most returned a budget request
- Pledge Update: Total pledges for the year \$103,109, pledges to still be received \$26,847

New Business:

- Albin, Campbell to discuss Organizational Structure at Council of Committees Feb 19th
- End of year Finance planning: Proposed budget- similar to last year except payroll, absent Facilities report was not submitted
- Stewardship Update:
 - Tanona and Bailey implement pledging plan on first Sunday of March
 - Goal is to increase total number of pledges, everyone pledging something
 - Send out letters highlighting past year's accomplishments, pie charts illustrating budget items, pledging FAQs, mention membership fees paid to UUA about \$90, and planned giving after death
 - Recommend updating sections under Time/Talent with new organizational structure for members
- Annual Meeting Planning:
 - April 23rd, Matt will draft agenda for board to approve next month in order to be published in April newsletter
 - Budget
 - Slate: Board Secretary- Chris Bailey
 - Brief Developmental Ministry Update by Chair, review goals
 - Strategic Planning Update

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- Bailey moved to approve the UUFM Compensation Budget FY 2017-18, Kroeger seconded, motion passed by voice vote

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Sievers, Secretary