

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Manhattan
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 8, 2016

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board was held on Tuesday, March 8, 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 the cycles of time followed by lighting the chalice.

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

MINISTER'S REPORT: (see report)

- Strategic Planning Committee had excellent start
- Convener Training attended by 16, updated convener packet available on website
- Welcoming four new members; Sunday service attendance: 81 adults, 37 children
- Adult RE "What Moves Us" class of six
- Attended City Council meeting about making an LGBT non-discrimination ordinance
- Mailed donations to refugees in Greece

CHAIR REPORT: (see report)

- The Rollercoaster of change model—what do we need to know?
 - Remind ourselves of our goals for developmental ministry
 - Already seeing growth in numbers of children on Sundays
 - Be prepared for anxiety in the system: Remain open, transparent, and unified while staying the course
 - Listen to and acknowledge others' feelings and concerns
 - Develop "elevator speeches" about UUism
- News from MidAmerica re: Developmental Ministry support process
 - Upcoming workshop planned for spring/summer in Omaha, NE with other developmental ministries, dates forthcoming
 - Possible topics include Stewardship, Fundraising, Welcoming
 - Fall workshop with Dori Thexton (MidAmerica)—date not set
 - Remember to celebrate successes
- Strategic Planning Committee moving forward!
- Tanona reading Holy Conversations, next meeting within one month

DRE REPORT: (see report)

- February's average increased to 30.5 kids per Sunday
- March Family Fun event: Reverse St. Patrick's Day Parade

- Made pillowcases for social justice movement #GiveRefugeesRest
- "Souper Bowl" food drive donations
- Anticipate 16 youth in 7-12 grade class next year (at this rate)
- OWL K-1 was great success
- Need Parent Night Out volunteers

TREASURER'S REPORT: (see report)

- Using "UU Money" resource
- Utilizing "Square" cardreader for donations (incurs a fee)
- Need majority approval by board to place on agenda for Annual Meeting
- New estimate for lights \$3200, plan to apply to this year's budget
- Baily moved to accept the proposed 2016-2017 budget at the annual meeting

OLD BUSINESS:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE:

Open Board Positions:

- Chair Elect:
- Member at Large: Linda Kroeger nominated
- Treasurer: Kathleen Oldfather nominated

NEW BUSINESS:

UU PULPIT EXCHANGE FUNDS:

Campbell moved to give \$725 to each minister to reimburse for mileage and award a small honorarium. Oldfather seconded, motion passed by voice vote.

From the SCORE Fund, held by UUFT.

UUFM ANNUAL MEETING:

Set for April 24, 2016 following the Sunday Service, Sue Turner to record minutes

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Sievers, Secretary