

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

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board was held on Tuesday, March 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 David Rankin's "The Edge," about March's theme, risk, followed by lighting the chalice.

Minister's Report: (see report)

- "Technical vs Adaptive Challenges and Solutions" handout for future growth
- Attendance steady— last two months, only two Sundays did not exceed 75% of the sanctuary's capacity. We are at the point of fullness when we start losing people
- We had nine visitors sign in during February. Visitor contacts- 7
- Sunday Services Committee rearranged sanctuary chairs to increase accessibility
- Other considerations:
 - Park across the street at Kaw Valley Greenhouses, carpooling
 - Relocate septic field, expand parking lot, make upper lot more usable
 - Hold two services
- Chalice Circles going well, though some groups are over-subscribed, some under
- Marisa, as Communications Chair, and Sue and I are exploring a newsletter redesign
- Preached 2 Sundays, Meadowlark service, Lawrence
- Led two Chalice Circles, History of UU Theology class (more than a dozen attended), Staff and Social Action Committee meetings, Meditation Group
- Met with Personnel and Stewardship Committees
- Attended Board and Congregational meetings, Winter Dinner, New Member Social, MAPJ Board retreat, Building the Beloved Community conference at Lawrence (UUFM had 6 attend), Manhattan Ministerial Association and ECM book group, Coalition for Equal Justice, Affordable Housing Task Force of Making Change (2 meetings), Martin Luther King Committee meeting and breakfast
- Participated in on-line meeting of Developmental Ministers in region, Poverty Simulation, nonviolent resistance web class
- Spoke at executive order on immigration protest prior to Angela Davis lecture at KSU

Chair Report:

- Second Service Task Force: Address sanctuary seating, parking lot. Committee should have representation from most aspects involved in Sunday Services; consider ushers, move children to the front, chairs in narthex
- Parking/Carpooling: Signage directing overflow to Kaw Valley, carpooling, meeting at off-site location, announcements to this effect

- Strategic Planning Update: Could expand current location- revised plan, remodel Manhattan Mennonite Church

DRE Report: (see report)

- February average attendance 20 students
- Family Fun events: Winter Chili Dinner; March: Reverse St. Patrick's Day parade
- OWL 5-6th grade wrapped up
- Hosting Youth Conference May 12-14th for grades 7-9 in need of adult chaperones
- Youth 7th grade and up starting lunch after service on third Sunday
- Planning Summer and Fall RE
- Molly developing ideas for retaining older teens

Treasurer's Report: (see report)

- February income \$8,926: \$7,041 pledges, \$210 memorial donations, \$583 winter dinner, and \$345 building rental
- Expenses \$12,530. We also paid \$8,000 to BBN (the architects). \$7844 came out of the Growth Savings Account. \$156 is listed under miscellaneous expenses
- Net income -\$3,604
- Year to date -\$2,268, includes \$10,000 transfer from ministerial savings
- Pledge analysis information:
 - 112 Members
 - 56 pledging units represent 75 pledging members
 - 37 non-pledging members
 - Total pledged \$104,700 ranging \$90 to \$8,000
 - Average pledge \$1,870, Median \$1,470
- Registered for Grow Green day on Friday, April 21. This year's funds will go to Lay Leadership Development fund
- Participated in UUA's Webinar on Ministerial Compensation

New Business:

- Oldfather moved, Bailey seconded to approve proposed budget submitted by Treasurer for 2017-18, motion passed by voice vote
- Council of Committees Report- excited and supportive of organizational structure
 - Concern about decision-making and continuity between four groups
 - Suggested that Facilitators attend board meetings
 - Next step: Flesh out task list, aim for sign-ups early in the fall
- Annual Meeting Agenda was approved by voice vote

Executive Session 8:16 pm

- 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