

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Manhattan
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2017

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board was held on Tuesday, April 11, 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 Joseph M. Cherry's poem "Prayer for Living in Tension," followed by lighting the chalice.

Minister's Report: (see report)

- UUA President Rev. Peter Morales resigns- controversy around racially discriminatory hiring practices. I provided information online and continue discussion in April 23rd's service
- UUA downsizing- Dori Davenport Thexton, for our region, leaves May 15
- Sunday meditation group started well, 6-8 in attendance
- Strategic Planning Committee and Second Sunday Task Force work continues
- New May newsletter model: brief stories connect to website
- Topeka congregation hosts a meeting April 15 on coordination of Kansas UU social action and youth planning. Sandy, incoming Social Action Committee co-chairs, and I will attend
- I am participating in interfaith efforts in Manhattan via on-campus panels April 19 and 23 labeled as "interbelief"
- Planning next Path to Membership class and guest social
- Visitor contacts -- 4
- Attending Regional Assembly and ministers' meeting in Chicago April 26-30
- Organized clergy in support of Muslims, with letter signed by a diversity of clergy appearing in the Mercury
- Preached 3 Sundays here, Meadowlark service, and at Wichita congregation
- Officiated wedding of Ellen Meyer and Ari Jumpponen.
- Led two Chalice Circles, Sunday Services Committee and Staff meetings
- Attended Communications and Board meetings, St. Patrick's Day parade
- Facebook outreach
- MAPJ Board
- Board meeting
- Appointed as Secretary
- Attended speaker on drones and was quoted in the paper
- Spoke on panel for "The Laramie Project" produced by Junction City Little Theatre
- Participated in Restore the Revenue rally and walk, Shepherd's Crossing retreat for churches
- Attended ACLU training, Race Reconciliation Panel, and meeting to develop community responses to ICE raids, Manhattan Ministerial Association and ECM book group, Affordable Housing Task Force of Making Change
- Continued participation with nonviolent resistance web class

Chair Report:

- Organizational Structure- need to define four coordinator roles more clearly
- General Assembly Delegates- have not filled positions for remote voting, seeking interested/available volunteers
- Strategic Planning Report:
 - Campbell to continue on committee
 - Short term major needs: roof, guttering, drainage, RE classrooms, parking
 - Presented UUFM Feasibility Study by BBN architects for current location, expansion, estimated cost of \$3 million, comparable to new site
 - Cost Comparison to Mennonite site

DRE Report: (see report)

- March average attendance 22 students
- Family Fun event: Reverse St. Patrick's Day Parade, float preparations
- Fall programming: World Religions with themes and UUism
- 2017-18 class planning (need 2-3 teachers plus child care attendant)
- Parent Night Out- propose summer hiatus
- Planning Youth Conference 7-12th grade hosted here May 12-13
- Teen Lunch (third Sundays)
- Staff meeting

Treasurer's Report: (see report)

- March income \$6,977: \$5,801 pledges, \$300 building rental, and \$825 other
- Expenses \$12,339
- Net income -\$5,362
- Year to date -\$2,471, includes \$10,000 and additional \$5,000 transfer from ministerial savings
- Signed \$340 maintenance contract with same heating/AC contractor
- Changing from PayPal to Vanco for cheaper on-line giving, no set up fee, \$0.45 transaction fee, 2.95% to credit card company
- Total pledges for the year about \$105,000
- Outstanding pledges estimated at \$15,900

New Business:

- Strategic Planning:
 - Encourage parking at KV Greenhouse, carpooling
 - Set up meeting with Facilities and Nelson to address classroom issues
- Evaluation of Developmental Ministry- headed up by Albin, complete by fall
- Stewardship Report:
 - Members' Stewardship Testimonials during March services helpful
 - \$8,000 in increased pledges
 - Bailey and Scott Tanona continue to meet with members to discuss pledging

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Sievers, Secretary