

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Manhattan
Minutes

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board was held on Tuesday, June 14, 2016 beginning at 7 p.m. Present were:

Reverend Jonalu Johnstone, Minister
Matt Campbell, Chair
Courtney Albin, Chair Elect
Katie Kingery-Page, Past Chair
Chris Bailey, Member-at-Large
Linda Kroeger, Member-at-Large
Jessica Sievers, Secretary
Susan Turner, Office Administrator
Sandy Nelson, Director of Religious Education

The meeting began with check in, and then Reverend Jonalu Johnstone provided opening words from "Poems to Live By in Troubling Times" followed by lighting the chalice.

Minister's Report: (see report)

- Interviewed by KSNT, aired Sunday night
- Goals for Sunday Services:
 - Explore various forms/understandings of spirituality/theology
 - Develop talents and interests of members
 - Increase religious literacy of members and friends
 - Strengthen and celebrate social bonds and the institution of UUFM
 - Support involvement in community by members and friends
 - Collaborative effort to plan services with convener and others
- Second "Conversation on Death and Dying" presented by Bailey and Kroeger
- Moving toward themes in the fall; workshop August 13 at UUFT
- Attended FHHRP meeting for Commission work session, organized religious response
- Attended MAP-J quarterly meeting and Board meeting
- Prepare custodian job description for four hours per week
- Doing employee evaluations this summer
- Changes in wage and hour laws coming December 1; employees to keep time sheets

Chair Report: (see report)

- Welcome new board members Linda Kroeger and Courtney Albin
- Council of Committees Report
 - Communications and Facilities Committees major focus
 - May need to hold meeting twice a year or quarterly
 - Would be important to share committee calendars
- Roles and responsibilities updates
 - Campbell and Albin with update
 - Make the documents reflect our practices
- Board Retreat planning/scheduling

DRE Report: (see report)

- May averaged 25 children per Sunday
- Teens' Sunday Service on neighboring faiths
- June family fun event: Progressive Summerfest; July: Blackhawk helicopter visit on base
- Social action events during the summer: "soup kitchen" volunteer opportunities, baking
- Beginning conversation on new Sunday school model, themes, classroom coordinators
- In process of hiring summer sitter, Megan returns in fall

Treasurer's Report: (see report)

- May income \$10,836; expenses \$17,500; positive \$159 for the end of the year
- Pledges not received this year \$1,525
- Grow Green Match Day received 15 donations for total of \$3,740 deposited in UUFM Grow Green Permanent Endowment Fund at The Greater Manhattan Community Foundation.

New Business:

- Kingery-Page moved to table the review of the Board Covenant for review and consideration. Kroeger seconded, motion passed by voice vote.
- Strategic Planning Committee update:
 - Examine the immediate, short-term, and long-term needs
 - Brainstorming session: inreach/outreach, identify needs, facilities, spiritual development, infrastructure, funds, etc.
 - Most pressing issue is space for RE classrooms- not enough now
 - Intermediate issues: sanctuary seating, parking for Sundays
- Developmental Ministry update:
 - Workshop dates yet planned for summer, joint with other congregation(s)
 - No dates yet for membership and stewardship workshops
 - Expect fall visit from Dori Thexton of MidAmerica
 - Document to track progress/serve as minister evaluation
- Vote next month on allocation of funds from Grow Green Match Day

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Sievers, Secretary