

# **UUFM Executive Board Agenda**

Thursday, June 15, 2017 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

**Present:** Reverend Jonalu Johnstone, Minister  
Matt Campbell, Past Chair  
Courtney Albin, Chair  
Jessica Sievers, Chair Elect  
Kathleen Oldfather, Treasurer  
Chris Bailey, Secretary  
Linda Kroeger, Member-at-Large  
Eli Martinson, Member-at-Large  
Sandy Nelson, Director of Religious Education

**Absent:**

**Also Present:**

## **Check-Ins**

## **Gather and Welcome**

## **Opening Words – Rev. Jonalu Johnstone**

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### **1) Consent Agenda (5 min)**

- a) **Annual Meeting Minutes Review:** No further corrections or discussion.
- b) **Meeting Minutes Approval May**
  - i) Move: Kathleen O.; Second: Linda
  - ii) *Approved w/o amendments.*

### **2) Updates from Chair – C. Albin (10 min)**

- a) **Bequest from Jim Mitchell:** Over \$500.00K, unallocated. Chair Courtney plans to inform congregation via UUFM Voice and Joys & Concerns at a minimum. Board will hold funds pending decision of how to best utilize. Discussion of best way to identify/honor Jim in the announcements.
- b) **Developmental Ministry Evaluation:** First meeting held w/Chair Courtney, Scott Tanona, Shirley Hobrock. Aimee Fowler, Susan Adamchek. A report will be issued. We've a year left on initial dev. ministry. Short discussion of evaluation protocol. Committee will decide process and submit report for Board approval. Will involve goal review, congregational survey, several member in-depth interview, perhaps interviews with other faith leaders. Long term planning should be considered as well.

- 3) **Minister's Report – J. Johnstone:** *See appended report.* There is a lot up in the air because UUFM may have some big opportunities pending, some opened by Jim's bequest. There are also planning and evaluation by different committees which is not yet complete. This is a significant juncture for UUFM.
- 4) **DRE Report – S. Nelson:** *See report appended.* In transition from school year to summer. Now there is a KS UU Youth FB page. They plan to use it to organize a conference in the fall. They made the rainbow polls which are available for Juneteenth. They plan to visit Campbell's Woolly Bee Farm.. Youth are planning a Youth Lunch. Parents' Nite Out is on hiatus through the summer. Youth attendance is somewhat lower due to the season. Matt asked about individual attendance, some kids just aren't coming, others moving, etc. Ages are shifting upwards like a bubble, while the nursery has a large number of infants, who, luckily, do not all show up at once. Older youth will have the opportunity to teach younger children in the coming year. If this works out this could affect RE staffing and demand for volunteers. Still looking for a college student to help out in a paid capacity
- 5) **Treasurer's Report – K. Oldfather:** *See appended report.* Thank you Sandy for the bookkeeping help. FY 2016-2017 accounting done. We used less "ministerial transition" money than expected. Jim's bequest is presently "parked" under the "capital fund" category and on deposit in a UUFM savings account. Greater Manhattan Community Foundation's Grow Green Match Day netted \$6,134.00, with \$1,877.00 match. Treasurer Kathleen Oldfather asked GMCF to just send us a check for the match amount, not yet received. We also received an additional small amount from Phoebe Samelson's estate. Finance committee recommends putting Jim's bequest into 12 month CDs (only a first installment has been paid out thus far).

**Action Item:** Place Mitchell Bequest money in a 12-mo CD at a local community bank, KS StateBank unless Community First can match w/in .5%. Moved by Finance Committee. Matt calls the question. *Carried* w/o objection.

**Action Item:** Commerce Bank needs names of those authorized to access to safe deposit box. Eli moves to grant Kathleen, Sandy & Courtney access to the safe deposit box. Seconded by Jessica. Discussion ensues. Motion *carried* unanimously.

Matt expressed his gratitude to Kathleen for the clarity of her reports.

6) **New Business – C. Albin:**

- a) **Strategic Planning Report** (K. Tanona): Kathleen Tanona couldn't make it so report delayed. Chair Courtney reports what Cybil learned about potential appraised value of UUFM real estate

from the County Appraiser's Office. Discussion about the relative value of a market appraisal on UUFM real estate, the usefulness of the information and the stated desire of several committees for the information. CMB moves with friendly amendments, to authorize the Strategic Planning Committee to pursue a market appraisal of UUFM real estate at a cost up to \$2,000.00 at such time as they see fit, paid for from GMCF funds available. Jessica seconds. Motion *carried* without opposition.

- b) **Stewardship Update** (C. Bailey): Response to intentionally low-key pledge appeals has been good. Kathleen, Scott and Chris are making a few calls to members who are likely to respond with pledges if solicited. *Also see Treasurer's report.*
- c) **Rental Policy Update.** Tabled. Chris, K. Tanona & Courtney are interested. Jonalu suggesting consulting with Sue regarding the unwritten practices in place.
- d) **Board Retreat:** Last year was August, on the regular meeting night. Discussion of location, date and format. Consensus is for Sunday, August 13, 2017, after service, 1:00-5:00, starting with Lunch, convening at Oldfathers' clubhouse. This will be in lieu of the August board meeting. What should we be thinking about going into the year? There will be significant decisions in the next year. Matt suggests a book club model for the growth discussion with Board members reporting on different material. Jonalu can suggest some.

**Adjourned** 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Bailey, Secretary

**Next Meeting:**

July 11, 2017 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm  
Alsop Room, UUFM