

UUFM Board Meeting Minutes

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Manhattan was held on March 10, 2015. The meeting was opened at 7 P.M. by Kathleen Tanona, Chair.

Present were: Tom Phillips, Katie Kingery-Page, Mark Clarke, Jane Pellitier, Rev. Michael Nelson, Sandy Nelson, Scott Tanona, Sue Turner and Betty Banner.

The meeting was opened with the Chalice Lighting and member check-in.

Minister's Report: Michael stated that the Board and the Congregation have done excellent work in the past two years, and especially so in the last six months. While there is no sign of letting up, one has to be aware of the potential for loss of momentum. We don't want that to happen.

Michael will be in his position for another 2.5 months. He wants to meet with anyone who wants to have a personal discussion or work on a personal issue.

Ministerial Transition Matters: Michael informed the Board that while he will be ending his position at the end of May if we do not have a successful search/placement that he would be willing to come back in the fall until the end of the year.

Kathleen Tanona reported that Keith Kron, search advisor, has informed her that there are several interested persons.

An application for a Chalice Lighting grant has been made with the Midwest Region. If approved this grant would provide some funds to assist in closing the funds gap between what we have for salary and what is needed.

Kathleen also discussed granting Emeritus status to Michael. She so moved. The motion was seconded by Betty and passed by consensus.

RE Report: Sandy reported that in Feb. we had an average of 20 children in attendance each week. Generally speaking RE is doing well. The 4-6th grade OWL class has been completed. There were 6 children who completed it, including 2 from another church.

Nominating Committee: Tom reported that the committee is working on nominations. The Chair Elect position has not been identified but there are some good prospects in play. Chris Bailey has agreed to accept a Member at large position and Jessica Seivers is considering the Secretary position.

MidWest Leadership School: Decisions regarding attendance at this training were finalized. Persons attending will be Nathan Albin, Mark Clarke, Katie Kingery-Page and Sandy Nelson. Registration needs to be paid by May 1. A letter of sponsorship from the minister is required. The total cost will be \$3260. Between budgeted amounts for leadership training, the \$1200

match money from the Leadership endowment gifts last year and an expected \$500 which can be gotten from the endowment the cost should be totally covered.

Stewardship & Endowment Policies: Scott Tanona gave a report on these matters. He provided written recommendations for changes. Members were requested to review them and come to the April Board meeting prepared to discuss and vote on them.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer was absent but had submitted a proposed budget for FY 16 in advance of the meeting. We recognized that this is not a balanced budget and there are several unknowns with our movement to full time ministry. The amount for Regional & UUA dues was adjusted because the budgeted amount was for 101 members and we currently have 110 members. Katie moved to approve the recommend budget as adjusted. Jane seconded. The motion was passed by voice vote.

Faith Journeys: Members of the Board will be presenting the program on 29 March and the focus is income inequality. Some discussion was held to refine this presentation.

This completed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Banner, Secretary