

UUFM Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 10, 2018 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Present: Jessica Sievers, Courtney Albin, Jonalu Johnstone, Kathleen Oldfather, Matt Campbell, Eli Martinson

Gather and Welcome

Opening Words – Rev. Jonalu Johnstone from Rev. Jane Jepka

1) Consent Agenda

- a) March Meeting Minutes Approval, As corrected KO; 2nd JS. Motion passes.

2) Updates from Chair – C. Albin

- a) Reorganization Update: Committee reorganization. Inquire on board's thoughts about having facilitators be board members as well. Can board members be excluded from being facilitators? The feeling is that they may, with certain exceptions, but it should not be required as it could hamper board recruitment. Bylaws call for nominating committee also finding chairs for committees. Matt thinks nominating committee needs to be a standing committee, for this and other reasons. Matt plans to write up some best-practices based on his recent learning experiences. Bylaws may need changed to treat facilitators same as chairs. Facilitators should be encouraged to attend board meetings occasionally.

3) Minister's Report – J. Johnstone

- a) (See attached) Spending time on Poor People's Campaign, working on developing agenda. Real kickoff scheduled for the day after Mother's Day. Weekly themes for the six following weeks. Events are planned in 41 state capitals and D.C., including protests. Goal is to change the conversation nationwide bring attention to poverty and the fact that no one is talking about it, we are ignoring poverty. Motivated by William Barbour a NC Disciples of Christ Minister as an attempt to create a "fusion coalition" of different groups, organizations and churches. It is a revival of the MLK, Jr.'s poor people's campaign from 1968.
- b) Interfaith group in MHK is still active; Met Helen Hutchison from Trinity Presb. Church: they've had extensive conversations within their community and haven't reached any conclusions. We should update the fellowship at the annual meeting.

4) **DRE Report – S. Nelson:** (See attached) Sandy is unable to attend but Swenson's are awesome for teaching classes for RE.

5) **Treasurer's Report – K. Oldfather :** (See attached): March was not a great month, as expected. Kathleen reviewed outstanding pledges that seemed behind and checked in with the members. In almost all cases there was a small problem that could be solved.

6) Old Business

- a) Annual Meeting (April 22): Courtney assembled an agenda for board's review. This includes approval of minutes of last year's annual meeting. Review strategic planning, and that noting has been decided. Then remind everyone about committee reorganization. Mark Clark will present a brief update on the two-service situation. Matt will then present the slate and the Fellowship can vote on

that. Then Courtney would like to initiate the stewardship campaign. Discussion about pros and cons of initiating it this time and how we might facilitate. Scott T. will be out of the country much of the coming year. We will need to have pledge forms and auto-pay forms available. We should also have committee volunteer forms available at that time.

- b) Leadership School Funding: Lay leadership money is available for Leadership school funding this year. Enrollment for two people is very close to the money available. Eli is committed to going. Some discussion of a second person to go to MWLS, and Matt intends to recruit.

7) New Business

- a) Stewardship: See above.
- b) New Space Task Force : Task force needs someone to take the lead in keeping aware of potential new/alternative space.
- c) Delegates for GA: We can have up to three delegates in addition to JJ. Delegates still have to pay admission. Full assembly admission is \$395. There may be funds available to pay or subsidize attendance. We also need to hold some sort of informational/directional meeting with delegates, JJ and members of the Fellowship. We can send alternate delegates if a delegate can't be there all three days. It is also possible for delegates to participate electronically if they cannot physically attend.

Next Meeting:

May 8, 2018 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm