

UUFM Executive Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 8, 2018 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Present: Rev. Jonalu Johnstone, Chair Courtney Albin, Past-Chair Matt Campbell, Chair-Elect Jessica Sievers, Secretary Chris Bailey, At Large Member Eli Martinson, Treasurer Kathleen Oldfather

Gather and Welcome

Opening Words – Rev. Jonalu Johnstone, by Roger Comstock

1) Consent Agenda

a) April Meeting Minutes Approval: Your humble Secretary fielded corrections and edits and Matt moved to approve minutes as amended; Eli seconded. Motion passed.

b) Look over Annual Meeting Minutes for approval at the 2019 Annual Meeting

2) **Updates from Chair – C. Albin:** Courtney had no specific update but thanked the executive board for being so supportive during her tenure as Chair. Rev. Jonalu acknowledged that this is Matt Cambell's last meeting, as Courtney will become Past Chair and Matt transitions off the Board.

3) **Minister's Report – J. Johnstone:** See attached written report. Rev. Jonalu noticed that she had not yet done an annual report but will submit one shortly. While we are a vital fellowship, we are also stagnant in numbers. Rev. Jonalu poses the question "what do we need to do?" Many people seem pretty content, which in a way can be a problem as it does not motivate change. Discussion ensued. Sunday morning services and alternatives are still getting explored. Some outreach to KSU students is also a possibility. While most main line religious groups in the U.S. are shrinking at least we are holding steady. The growing "religious" group in the U.S. is the "Nones" who largely eschew organized religious observance, and who may really be our people. The question is how to serve those folks. We have laid foundations but are not yet seeing results in membership numbers.

4) **DRE Report – S. Nelson:** See written report. Sandy is not present but submitted her report with a baby photo of her new granddaughter to excuse her absence.

5) **Treasurer's Report – K. Oldfather:** See written report. April was not a banner month, and it's a grim time of year money-wise. This is seasonal however and not necessarily a cause for alarm. Grow Green went well for UUFM considering our lack of publicity. What's come in on the 2018-19 Pledge Drive is good but many remain outstanding. Kathleen needs some action on some items:

a) Kathleen presents the following recommendation from the Finance Committee: Amendment to UUFM General Stewardship and Endowment Policy approved by UUFM in April 2015:

On page 1, under 2) Fund Categories, c) Endowment –Expendable Endowment, clarify how the 5% is calculated, it currently reads: "...*expendable at a rate of up to 5% per year by the Board or more with congregational approval.*"

Suggest we clarify to read:

“...expendable at a rate of up to 5% per year by the Board, based on the total value on the last day of the fiscal year preceding the proposed disbursement, or more with congregational approval.” Matt moves to accept the recommended amendment. Jessica seconds; motion passes.

- b) Kathleen presents the Finance Committee’s recommendation to withdraw the 5% of the expendable endowment value as of May 31, 2017, and move to Ministerial Savings Account. Kathleen moves; Eli seconds; motion passes.
- c) Based on the Finance Committee recommendation, KO would like to set up a Vanguard investment account for the large CDs we presently hold. They have access to socially responsible funds. Kathleen moves; Matt seconded; motion carries.
- d) Kathleen pointed out from her spreadsheet, leadership school funds are now available. Eli is registered, Mark is not (yet).
- e) Child care expenses have increased but total payroll is down.

6) Old Business

- a) Leadership School Funding: See above.
- b) Stewardship Campaign:
 - i) Pledges: Follow-up on process to contact individuals who have not returned pledge paperwork. Shall we do some kind of visual display or put that energy into following up with individuals? Rev. Jonalu and Sandy Nelson earlier discussed that since June’s theme is “Blessings” it would be an opportune time to reflect on the time/talent/treasure in the services somehow, via member testimony or otherwise. Courtney would like to send out emails to the people who have not returned pledge forms, then set up times in June services for testimonials or other mentions. Rev. Jonalu suggests acknowledgment of pledge numbers on the list serve and Facebook group. Eli will send out the emails under the Finance Committee’s name. Rev. Jonalu will meet discuss the service component with the June conveners at their meeting tomorrow. Individual calls can then start in the second half of June.
 - ii) Re-organization & Service Update: Sue has agreed to sort the names that come in on the pledge sheets and get them out the Facilitators, Rev. Jonalu and Board.
- c) GA Delegates: Sandy Nelson is going as RE and using professional development money for her entry, Betty Banner and Jessica Sievers are going as UUFM’s delegates. Betty will also be volunteering at GA so her entry is covered and as Chair UUFM will cover Jessica’s entry. Rev. Jonalu also mentioned that Mid-America UU meeting, on Wednesday June 20th, just prior to GA convening. They sent us credentials for delegates and an RE. Kathleen moved to authorize these three as our delegates to both meetings; Eli second; motion carries. Jessica abstained. The Board agrees to trust the delegates to represent our interests and may vote as conscience dictates.

7) New Business

- a) AED: Automated Electronic Defibrillator. An anonymous donor made the purchase and it’s been delivered. UUFM intends to pay the modest annual service fee.
- b) And that wraps up Courtney’s tenure as Chair. Congratulations!

Next Meeting:

June 12, 2018 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm