

## **UUFM Executive Board Meeting**

Tuesday, December 11, 2018 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Rev. Jonalu Johnstone  
Jessica Sievers, Chair  
Courtney Albin, Past-Chair  
Mark Mayfield, Chair-Elect  
Chris Bailey, Secretary  
Eli Martinson, Treasurer  
Kathleen Oldfather, Member at Large  
~~Lily Colburn, Member at Large~~  
~~Sandy Nelson, Director of Religious Education~~

### **Gather and Welcome**

**Opening Words** – Rev. Jonalu .

#### **1. Consent Agenda**

- a. November Minutes Approved as amended-Courtney moved, Eli second. Motion carries.

#### **2. Updates from Chair** – J. Sievers

- a. Celebrations-
- b. Gratitudes-

#### **3. UU/Mennonite Task Force Update- Kathleen Tanona @ 7:30 pm** - Kathleen Tanona

- a. Met with joint Mennonite/UU task force on Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>, met again last week. Mennonite's committee is composed of members who are both enthusiastic and cool to the idea of sharing space with UUFM. Sharing has not been on their membership's radar. Sharing is not foreclosed though. They would like for us to vote on whether to pursue this conversation.
- b. Brice Hobrock, Jessica Sievers, Kathleen Tanona represented UUFM.
- c. Opportunity to build shared space with Mennonites at 9th and Poyntz. However there are zoning and parking issues to be addressed. They presently want to build a 200 person sanctuary. We would need to formulate a question for a congregational meeting. But the Mennonites would consider the sharing question on a congregational basis if we made a pronouncement.
- d. One issue of uncertainty is that Jonalu has not been given an opportunity to preach there.
- e. The Mennonites plan to move forward one way or the other but face some significant hurdles. Working with UUFM could help them move forward more quickly.
- f. Kathleen relates that their wish-list for new space is very similar to our own.
- g. One issue will be the service schedule. Presently UUFM and the Mennonites hold services simultaneously.

- h. January 20<sup>th</sup> (or February 3<sup>rd</sup> snow date) for a congregational meeting? This gives us time to mention this in the newsletter. The board consensus is to move forward with a meeting.
  - i. Many thanks to Kathleen and Brice.
  - j. Discussion on the congregational meeting.
- 4. Minister's Report – J. Johnstone (see report)**
- a. Attendance has routinely been ten adults up, including many visitors.
  - b. This renews earlier concerns about parking. Discussion of how to address.
  - c. In the sanctuary, we may wish to encourage the leaders to sit up front, lowering pressure in the back.
  - d. UUFM, Mennonite and Congregational ministers are holding a workshop on sustaining social activism. 5:30-9:00 on \_\_\_\_\_?
- 5. DRE Report – S. Nelson (see report)**
- 6. Treasurer's Report – E. Martinson**
- a. We've had one additional pledge.
  - b. Eli is interested in what information different committees and the board would like to see on a routine basis, beyond just spreadsheets. What do we want from the Treasurer every month? How should the financial information be communicated?
  - c. Jonalu appreciates the year-to-date comparisons with last year and the percent-of-budget column. Courtney appreciates the written report.
- 7. Old Business:**
- 8. New Business:**
- a. Facilities- Roofing- see Dan Swenson's 2 communications
    - i. Is it in the budget?
    - ii. If not, how will costs be covered? Depending on cost we may need to take funding this maintenance to the Congregation as well.
  - b. Reverse Offering- January 20th? January's theme is Generosity. January 20<sup>th</sup> is a service for all ages. Everyone present would receive an envelope of cash with the charge of using it generously. The following Sunday we share how we used the money. Scott can come present on this idea at our January meeting. If there is financial support available Scott and Jessica would like to give it a try. Kathleen suggests the social action budget a source.
  - c. Mennonites & Congregational Meeting- Jan 20th or Feb 3rd? Snow date?
  - d. Recruit Board Nominating Committee for approval in January. We need to recruit replacements for Kathleen and Chris. Courtney is open to suggestions for whom to nominate for the committee. Kathleen suggests diversity in age and gender. Courtney does want long-term members but also some newer members.
  - e. Former Board Chairs will meet Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 12:00 with brunch provided, hopefully the current board will be able to attend.

**9. Adjourn- Eli moves, Courtney seconds.**

**Next Meeting January 8, 2019 at 7pm**

Guests:

Scott Tanona, Stewardship- Donating Offering on Weekly Basis

Dan Swenson, Facilities- Roofing Bids and Recommendation

Looking ahead:

January 5th with Thea Nietfeld, minister from Salina- Gather former board chairs to brainstorm moving forward

January 20th Feedback Circle

- Reverse Offering?

TBA: Congregational Meeting