## UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF MANHATTAN ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2012, 12:15 pm

**CALL TO ORDER:** The annual congregational meeting of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Manhattan was called to order at 12:15 on Sunday, April 15, 2012, at the Fellowship Building, 481 Zeandale Road, Manhattan, Kansas. Executive Board Chair Anne Cowan welcomed the congregation. By a count of voting members' signatures, a quorum was determined to be present. There was one proxy vote authorization submitted, as well. (See attachments.)

Following opening words from Rev Michael Nelson, Director of Religious Education Cory Zeller spoke. Anne Cowan followed Cory with a few remarks.

**APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD OFFICERS:** Larry Weaver, Nominating Committee chair, presented the slate of proposed Executive Board officers (see attachment) with terms beginning in FY 2012/2013 (June 1, 2012). There was a call for nominations from the floor, with no nominations offered. Following review of the slate, the congregation unanimously approved, by voice vote, the appointment of Tom Phillips as Chair-elect, Betty Banner as Treasurer, and Laura Bonella as Memberat-Large.

**FY 2012/2013 PROPOSED BUDGET AND PLEDGING:** Mark Mayfield, Treasurer and Finance Committee chair, presented the proposed budget (*see attachment*), which had been previously presented, discussed and approved by the Board at the March Executive Board meeting. Mark and Scott Tanona discussed the budget, addressing the increase in income over the previous year, and the necessary increase in pledging. The budgetary increase is largely related to support of continued growth in our thriving RE program, something the large majority of Fellowship members encourage and favor. Following questions and discussion by the congregation, the proposed budget was unanimously approved by voice vote.

**CLOSING WORDS:** Following a call for other business, current Chair-elect Scott Tanona offered a few closing remarks.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The annual meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Turner UUFM Fellowship Administrator

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15	Daniel	Bush
16	Marolyn	Caldwell
17	Jen	Campbell
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19	Dick	Cattell
20	Judy	Cattell

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113	Jim	Mitchell		
114	Kathy	Montgomery		
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### **Proxy Designation**

for the UUFM 2012 Annual Meeting April 15, 2012

To designate a proxy, please fill out the information requested below, and give this form to Executive Board Secretary Steve Mull, or our Welcoming and Membership Committee co-chair, Shirley Hobrock, BEFORE the Annual Meeting begins on Sunday, April 15.

Member's name: BETTY SANNEY

Proxy Holder's name: 1 NNE COWAN

Member's signature: Suc & Borner

This proxy designation will be valid ONLY during the Annual Meeting on April 15, 2012. This is a general proxy, allowing the proxy holder the discretion to vote based on discussion that takes place at the meeting. Limited proxies will not be accepted.

# Agenda UUFM Annual Meeting Sunday, April 15, 2012

- 1. Welcome Executive Board Chair Anne Cowan
- 2. Minister's opening words Reverend Michael Nelson
- 3. Announcement from DRE Cory Zeller
- 4. Remarks from Anne Cowan
- Slate of Board Officers/members –Larry Weaver, Nominating committee
- 6. Nominations from the floor and vote on Slate
- Presentation of FY 2013 Budget –
   Mark Mayfield, Finance Committee chair
- 8. Discussion of Budget proposal and vote
- 9. Outline of 2013 Pledge Drive
- 10. Other business
- 11. Remarks Chair-elect Scott Tanona
- 12. Close of Annual Meeting

**VOTING MEMBERS** -- Please be sure you've signed in on the sign up sheet provided in the narthex. At least 40 percent of voting members must be present for business to take place at the Annual Meeting.

Thank you for participating in the future of our Fellowship!

#### COMMENTS ON PROPOSED 2012/2013 BUDGET

As many of you already know, on June 1, we will begin our new budget year at UUFM. This means that we will vote on a newly proposed budget for the upcoming year at our Annual Meeting on April 15. This is one of the most important decisions to be made at the meeting and we publish the budget here for your pre-consideration. Please take a few moments to consider it and be prepared to discuss anything you feel needs elaboration at the Annual Meeting. Ask me, or any Finance Committee member, for clarification.

For those of you who are not familiar with the budgeting process, the Finance Committee begins by soliciting input from each committee chair that has a line in the current budget. The Executive Board, which also gives guidance to the Finance Committee, approves the draft budget in March. The Board also receives input from the Long-Range Planning Committee in order to include a long-term vision derived from input by members. The result is a budget that is intended to reflect the short- and long-term priorities of the membership of UUFM.

**EXPENSES:** The proposed budget includes salary increases that the Board feels are justified to support anticipated growth, especially in the realm of families with children and their desire for maintaining and improving the Religious Education program. Growth in the RE program has been marked since the hiring of Cory Zeller, the Director of Religious Education (DRE). Thus, it should not be surprising that the Board directed Finance to include an increase in the budget that would allow us to employ the DRE at a minimum of 0.5 fte (80 hours per month). Her time commitment during the current year is 0.25 or (40 hrs/mo). This increase will also place the DRE into a benefits-eligible position. In addition, the Board also proposes raises for minister Michael Nelson, administrator Susan Turner, and janitor Troy Fisher. These 3% raises are given in light of a lack of raises during the current and previous years. Increases in compensation are 81% of the total increase in the budget (\$11,899 of \$14,677).

Other budget lines proposed to receive increases are *Religious Education* (supplies for curricula), *utilities, dues, Communication, Membership, Social Action,* and *Facilities.* Many of these can be seen as increases directly or indirectly related to a higher membership and significantly increased levels of regular activity at the Fellowship building. Dues are a direct reflection of membership numbers since we pay a fixed amount for each member as reflected in a January count (106 members).

**INCOME:** While we have increased some of our non-pledge income lines (fundraising, non-pledge donations, etc.), the majority of the increase on the income side is proposed to come from *pledges*. As an organization that relies on donations for its support, we ask our members to make a pledge to contribute money to support the activities of the Fellowship. Thus, it is not without considerable thought that we are asking members for more pledge income. During our current fiscal year, the amount of funds budgeted from pledges is \$98,134, while our current pledges total \$99.614 (at this time, we have received about \$76,000, or about 76% of these pledges). The newly proposed budget includes an increase in income from pledges of about 12%. It is unlikely that the modest increases in membership will account for the total of about \$12,000 in increased pledges. Indeed, if this budget is approved, meeting the income amounts will depend on new pledges from a combination of sources that includes not just new members, but pledges from a larger percentage of the existing membership, as well as increases from continuing supporters.

Sometime after the Annual Meeting, all members will be contacted by a member of the Finance Committee concerning their intent to pledge. When we have concluded this process, we will assess our progress on the pledge drive in order to determine if we can meet the proposed budget. Therefore, we hope that you will make it a priority to be involved in the budgeting pro-

cess by first carefully considering its financial implications prior to the Annual Meeting. Thanks for your consideration,

Mark Mayfield
UUFM Treasurer and Finance Chair

#### PROPOSED FY 2012/2013 UUFM BUDGET

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TOTAL INCOME	\$126,621
Other Income (mostly rental)	800
Interest	100
Fundraising	4,000
Contributions - Non-pledge	8,000
Contributions - Cash	2,500
Contributions - Pledges	111,211

#### **EXPENSES**

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$126,621
Welcoming Congregation	250
Utilities	6,250
Social Action	920
Social	600
Sitter	1,520
Religious Education	1,960
Program	1,750
Payroll	88.153
Music	300
Miscellaneous	150
Minister's Discretionary Fund	250
Membership	
Legal Fees	40
Leadership Development	300
Insurance	2,550
Green Sanctuary	100
Facilities	4,815
Dues	
Communications/Publicity	
Committee on Ministry	0-
Caring	
Building Contingency Fund	1,000

#### **BOARD OFFICER NOMINEES**

Executive Board candidates standing for election appear in **BOLD ITALICS**, below. Officers continuing their terms from the previous year appear in plain text:

Chair - Scott Tanona

Chair-Elect - Tom PHILLIPS

Treasurer - **BETTY BANNER** 

Secretary - Steven Mull

Member-at-Large - Kathleen Tanona

Member-at-Large - Laura Bonella

Past Chair - Anne Cowan