

Minutes
UUFM Board Meeting
December 21, 2016, 6:20 PM–9:00 PM

Attendance:

Nancy Cramblit, President
Tony Filipovitch, Vice President
John Knox, Treasurer
Barrie Evans, Secretary
Diane Dobitz, Member-at-Large
Tricia Nienow, Member-at-Large
Rev. Don Cameron, Minister

Not present:

Henry Panowitsch, Member-at-Large
Marlene Stein-Greiner, Member-at-Large

Check-in

Chalice Lighting

Review of Agenda for additions/revisions and approval of November minutes

MOTION: to approve November minutes. Motion: Tony Filipovitch, Second: Nancy Cramblit, approved.

Visitors' Forum

Kay van Buskirk addressed the subject of Stewardship Visits and the need to have knowledgeable people carry the message of stewardship to the rest of the congregation. Kay made the following points:

- Change the timing of the stewardship/fundraising drive from January to October in order to create better “buy-in” by the congregation.
- Stewardship conversations should include:
 - a review of the budget
 - promotion of the theme, “It takes the efforts of all of us” to act as stewards of the church.
- Those making stewardship visits will need training.
- Visits should begin in the second half of January, 2017.

Old Business

- Marlene Stein-Greiner is continuing to search for a child-care coordinator.
- Reverend Don shared that Carrie Rice has volunteered to serve as chairperson of the Membership Committee.
- CFD Director search update: search continues
 - a committee approach to providing direction may be taken up if no director can be found.

- Discussion of the need for an Event Coordinator to coordinate the use of church facilities. While the need for a task force to address the issue has been discussed, the Board may address a congregation member who has experience in this area.
- The Board is waiting for a formal response to the Developmental Ministry Application completed last month.
- A spreadsheet showing long-range budget-plan scenarios is being developed.
- **MOTION:** to approve of the installation of art piece and mural for the new entryway and to include the addition of a nameplate with title for the artwork. Motion: Diane Dobitz, Second: Tony Filipovitch, approved.
- Several church members are developing the Attitude of Gratitude as a way to encourage the congregation to recognize acts of kindness. This idea will likely be coordinated with the Worship Committee as it moves forward.

Reports

Minister's Report submitted

- Attended Lisa Cook memorial.
- Facilitator at YWCA's "Talk About Race" forum at Mankato's Verizon Wireless Center.
- Officiated the wedding of Kristen and Sammi Olinger.

Treasurer's Report submitted

- Report showed changes to budget which had been previously reviewed and approved. **MOTION:** Approve Treasurer's report as submitted. Motion: John Knox, Second: Diane Dobitz, approved.

New Business

- Nancy presented a chart which the Board will use to schedule long-range planning tasks for 2017
- Nancy also shared a chart showing current members of the UUFM Board, their initial dates of election and number of terms they have served.
- Choir update: Personnel Committee will be accepting applications for this position.
- The job descriptions of committee chairpersons were reviewed. **MOTION:** Approve job descriptions as amended. Motion: Tony Filipovitch, Second: John Knox.
- The status of the UUFM website was discussed. Linda Ganske presented information detailing tasks needed to transfer administration of the website from an outside source to our control and have its theme and content more in line with look and feel of the UUA website.
- "Escalating Inequality" material regarding income inequality should be reviewed by the congregation and voted on by our mid-year meeting.

9:00 Board adjourns