

Board Notes April 2017

To All our Members and Friends at UUFM:

Here are a few items that may interest you this month:

- 1. Update on Developmental Ministry. Same as last month:** Tony Filipovitch, and the rest of our search team, have not yet received the name or name(s) of possible candidates. When a group of us were at the MidAmerica Regional Assembly last weekend, we were told that the Developmental Ministry congregations last year did not hear until June. So we practice patience!
- 2. CFD Director and Choir Director:** A candidate for the CFD Director position has been interviewed, and this person might begin in late summer. We warmly welcome Cayley Jameson as our temporary choir director for a few months. Come join the choir at 9am on Sunday mornings!
- 3. Policy Governance:** The board continues to work on developing additional policies to help clarify who does what for our church. We approved two new policies at our April meeting:
 - **Conflict of Interest** and
 - **New Board Member Training**
- 4. All-Encompassing Safety Policy:** We continue to look for 1 or 2 more people willing to divide up the responsibilities to develop an all-encompassing safety policy for our church. You would be joining me, Tony Filipovitch from CFD, Tricia Nienow from Membership, and Becky Rossow from Building and Grounds. We will be meeting soon to complete a safety inventory of our congregation and to plan our strategy for completing this task.

In Gratitude,
Nancy Cramblit
Your Board President

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF UUFM CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

At noon on Sunday May 21, 2017, the congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Mankato will convene to vote on two items:

- 1. Amendments to our By Laws**
- 2. Approve the slate of candidate(s) for new board member(s),** if needed. If the By Laws are approved, we will be reducing the number of at-large board members to 3, rather than 4, and then would not need to vote on a new at-large member.

Amendments to the By Laws:

Please review the bylaws by using the links here for the current bylaws and the amended bylaws.

Some of the changes include:

1. Changing the word 'fellowship' to congregation.
2. Using more gender-neutral pronouns.
3. Deleting the section on the minister: this belongs in the minister's contract.
4. Changing the number of at-large board members from 4 to 3.
5. Re-electing the Treasurer every 2 years, with no limits on consecutive terms.
6. Adjusted budget section to reflect the new timing of stewardship in the fall.

Other agenda items for the meeting include:

- Update on Developmental Ministry
- 17-18 budget presentation, with feedback from members
- Audit committee report
- Committee reports
- Minister's report
- Attitude of Gratitude

We hope to see a large group of members at our Annual Meeting this month. As it reminds us in Article IV, Section D of our By Laws:

"It is a privilege and responsibility of all members to participate in the Annual, Midyear and Special Membership Meetings of the Congregation. All members of the Congregation who have made an identifiable monetary pledge or significant service contribution within the current or immediately preceding fiscal year are eligible to vote at such meetings."