

Board Notes May 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. We should hear this month (June!)
2. Henry Panowitsch presented a drawing of a potential Memorial Garden that may be started soon between the rain garden and the vegetable garden at the south end of our church property. It looks amazing! You will hear more about it later this summer.
3. Governance and Ministry: We continued our discussion of this book recommended to us by Rev. Don, talking about Productive Board Meetings and Size Makes a Difference
4. Annual May Meeting: 37 members and 2 friends attended our meeting on Sunday, May 21. We approved a revised set of ByLaws, with 86% of the members present voting YES. You can read the [new ByLaws](#) here. Next we will have a local attorney reviewing our new ByLaws and other policies that have been approved by the board, to make sure we are in compliance with all state and federal laws. See the [committee reports](#) from the meeting here.
5. UUFM Board of Directors for 17-18: Those in attendance also approved the recommended slate of officers and members-at-large for our board for next year:

Nancy Cramblit, President, 2nd 1-year term
Tony Filipovitch, Vice President, 2nd 1-year term
Barrie Evans, Secretary, 2nd year of 1st 2-year term
John Knox: Treasurer, 1st year of 3rd 2-year term
Henry Panowitsch: 1st year of 2nd 2-year term
Diane Dobitz, Member-at-Large, 2nd year of 1st 2-year term
Tricia Nienow, Member-at-Large, 2nd year of 1st 2-year term

We gave Marlene a big round of applause for her dedicated service on the board for the past 6 years, and to MaryAnn Nelson, who had agreed to be Marlene's replacement. With our new bylaws stating that we have only 3 members-at-large now instead of four, her services were not needed at this time-but we will be looking toward her in the future!

1. Click here to view the [minutes for the Annual Meeting](#) from 5-21-17.
2. [Minister's Report](#) for the Annual Meeting. I think Don gave a thoughtful and honest assessment in his report. Please take the time to read it. I like the quote from Longfellow that he gives us at the end:

"All your strength is in union.
All your danger is in discord."

In Gratitude,
Nancy Cramblit, Your Board President