

[Note questions—pass them on to Nancy ASAP]

UUFM Board Agenda June 14, 2017 6pm

Attendance::

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

Not in Attendance:

Marlene Stein-Greiner, Member-at-Large

6:00 Greeting and Check-In

6:10 Chalice Lighting and Board Covenant: We light our chalice to remind us of our Gratitude to be of service, Our role in the ministry of this church, and of Our Connection to Unitarian Universalists everywhere. Let us begin in love.

6:15 Review agenda for adds/revisions

6:20 Visitors' Forum

Visitors are welcome to address the Board on any item on the agenda or to bring new business at this time, though new business will likely be tabled until next meeting.

6:15 Moment of Silence

6:20 Consent Agenda (All items are in Current Board Meeting Folder; Consent agenda is not debatable, although any member may request that any item be removed from the consent agenda before the vote is taken)

- Reports (April minutes, CFD report for June was given to the Board in paper form, Minister, Attendance, Agenda for Annual Meeting.
- Nancy added handouts for Board members, including Interim Ministry Appraisal, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Mankato By Laws

MOTION: Accept Consent Agenda as updated. John Knox First. Second, Diane Dobitz. Passed unanimously.

6:25 Updates: Building Use Policy revision team: Karen Knox will lead the team to review these, along with Linda Ganske.,

Safety Policy: The task force of Tony F, Tricia N, Becky R and Nancy C met once and began completing a Safety Checklist from our insurer, Church Mutual.

The evaluation of sound system will be addressed later this summer or fall.

MOTION: Accept April Minutes as submitted with changes. Tony Filipovitch, First. Trish Nienow,

Second. Passed unanimously.

6:30 Discussion of Interim Ministry Appraisal. UU Board members reviewed the Interim Ministry Appraisal document as a group and offered corrections to typographical errors.

6:50 Approval of 17-18 Budget from Finance Committee Board members reviewed the budget from the Finance Committee.

7:30 MOTION: Accept budget with changes. Tony Filipovitch, First. Diane Dobitz, Second. Passed unanimously.

Board discussed the use of alcohol at the Memorial Service on June 28th. No member of the congregation will serve alcohol at this event. If anyone consumes alcohol at the event, they will assume personal responsibility for their actions.

- **Discussion of Chapters 9 Governance and Ministry**

Chapter 9—Exploring Governance Change. Board members noted that much of the material in the chapter does not fit a church of our size very well. Important notes people made were to note that any useful change process will show, as a measure of its success, that it will make some members “will become less happy.” It was also noted that if a consultant is called in, it is best to look for the consultant who has curiosity about your church rather than the consultant who presents him- or herself as an expert on your church.

Board members talked about the best way to present the elements of church governance and structure with the congregation. New members will most likely not recognize our improvements in governance unless they are explained fully.

Chapter 10—Diane Dobitz will present this chapter, “Policy Changes,” at the July Board meeting.

Chapter 11—Barrie Evans will present this chapter, “Lay and Clergy Partnership,” at the July Board meeting.

Board members reviewed the Congregational Fitness for Ministry ratings and noted the average rating increasing from our first self-rating in March, 2016 moving to a higher average of 3.5.

8:10 Discussion of Board/Committee Chair retreat will be moved to July’s agenda. Nancy Cramblit, Diane Dobitz and Barrie Evans volunteered to discuss and arrange the retreat. Will Mid-America be able to provide us with a consultant?

August 4th and 5th are the dates for the Board and Committee Chair retreat.

MOTION: Accept Finance Committee’s job description. First, Tony Filipovitch. Second, John Knox. Passed unanimously.

New Business Tony noted that 5 members who passed away in the last year have not been put on the plaque of members who have passed. The plaque with people who have donated also needs to be updated. Other issues noted were how to dedicate rooms to honor founders. Also noted was that pictures of ministers past and present should be put up somewhere in the entry.

8:30 Adjourn

Next Meeting: July 19, 2017 at 6pm