

Board Notes MidYear Meeting 1-28-18

To All our Members and Friends at UUFM:

There were about 40 members and some friends at our MidYear meeting this last Sunday, including some younger members! Thank you all for attending!

We recognized Henry Panowitsch and John Knox as long-time board members. Henry was on the board from January 2014 until this last October, almost 4 years. Thanks so much for your dedicated service, Henry! John has been our treasurer since April 2012, almost 6 years. Thanks so much for all your detailed, conscientious work, John!

Bob Finley reported on our successful Capital Campaign, the planning of which began about 4 years ago. The campaign itself ran for 3 years, from December 2014 through December 2015. With the remaining capital campaign funds being transferred to our general funds soon, our remaining mortgage will be down to about \$100,000, with our loan projected to be repaid several years before the end of the 25-year mortgage. Thanks to everyone who has participated in this! And look for your name on the beautiful plaque designed and constructed by Ken Davey. Thanks so much, Ken!

It's not too late to contribute more or for your first time to our building fund! All contributions to that fund will go directly to the remaining principal on our loan.

Andy Roberts was voted in as our new board member, filling the remainder of Henry's term through June 2019. Thanks so much for agreeing to do this, Andy!

We also voted 'yes' on the two Congregational Study/Action Issues (CSAIs) to be added to the agenda of this year's General Assembly: 1: Undoing Intersectional White Supremacy and 2: Dismantling Intersectional Oppression. If these are adopted at this year's GA, we will have a chance to be part of the discussion on these issues beginning this fall.

If you've never been to a national General Assembly meeting of our Unitarian Universalist Association, consider attending this June, between the 20th and the 24th. It's less than a day's drive away in Kansas City, Missouri. Registration will open around March 1. Check it out at uua.org! It's an awesome experience to participate in one of these meetings!

Our finances look good, Tony Filipovitch updated us on the ministry search, and Diane Dobitz talked about EdJ activities we can look forward to being involved in. Look for updates on EdJ efforts and on the ministry search in the Weekly.

Thanks to everyone for all you do to keep our congregation vital and adapting to continue to be a strong, liberal faith presence in the Mankato area.

In Gratitude,
Nancy Cramblit, Your Board President