

Board Notes 5-16 and 20-18

To All our Members and Friends at UUFM:

Here are a few items that might be of interest from this month's regular board meeting and our Annual May Meeting:

Most of our regular May board meeting was taken up with discussing our 18-19 budget which was presented at the Annual meeting on the 20th. We are taking another of our "leaps of faith" that our congregation tends to do every few years. We are very fortunate to have a healthy reserve balance that will carry us through about 5 more years of deficit spending. By the end of those 5 years, we plan to have grown our membership and our pledges to the point that each year will have a balanced budget, and we will begin to replenish our reserves. We are confident that, with Rev. Rita's capable leadership and outstanding ministry, and the continuing efforts of our congregation, this plan will become a wonderful reality.

Tony Filipovitch will be our delegate to the UU General Assembly this June. He is attending especially to be able to be there as Rev. Rita walks in with all the newly-ordained UU ministers!

We discussed supporting the BLUU (Black Lives of Unitarian Universalists) ministry before the end of June. Please read more about this below. You can also read more about this at: <https://www.uua.org/giving/areas-support/funds/promise-and-practice/sunday/resources-for-congregations>.

Before August 1, one task we will be completing is readying Rev. Rita's office as HER office and **only** her office. Currently, there are many items that we go into Rev. Rita's office to find. These items will find a new home. We want Rev. Rita to be able to be working or meeting with people in her office without the possibility of someone opening the door and interrupting. Old habits die hard, but we can do this!

We will also be clearing out many of the items currently being stored in the old minister's office in the social hall and making room for a work space for our choir director, Peter Kuhlman.

At the Annual Meeting, we emphasized that "It Takes the Efforts of All of Us" to move our church and our faith forward. Board members, committee chairs, the search committee and other essential volunteers were recognized and thanked.

We voted and approved the slate of board members for the upcoming church year:

Tony Filipovitch, President
Ken Davey, Vice President
Secretary- open
Treasurer- John Knox
Members-at-Large:

Diane Dobitz
Tricia Nienow
Andrew Roberts

There are a couple members who are thinking about volunteering for the secretary position. We will keep you posted!

Because of the efforts of all of us, we have called Rev. Rita! With the efforts of all of us, next year will be simply amazing!

In Gratitude,

Nancy Cramblit
Board President