

UUFM Board Meeting
August 6, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Penny Herickhoff, President
Bob Finley, Vice President
John Knox, Treasurer
Todd Schweim, Secretary
Tom Little, Member at Large
Kathryn Vonderharr, Member at Large
Tony Flipovich, Past President – ex officio

Chalice lighting—We are a welcoming people of diverse beliefs who commit to nourish the spirit, broaden the mind, nurture the earth, and build community. May this flame we kindle remind us to strive, today and every day, to love beyond belief.

Opening Prayer – Penny read “How to Be a UU Leader” by Denny Davidoff

Personal check-in—Each board member gave a short personal check-in on what they are bringing with them to the meeting, the issues they are dealing with and their circle of concern call efforts. Twice a month contact is encouraged.

Brainstorming session on ways to craft and feed UUFM community bonds—Board members held a discussion on the many ways that UUFM members connect with one another. The goal of this discussion is to empower the Communications committee with what it needs to improve communications within the UUFM membership.

Current ways UUFM members connect: Worship & Sunday coffee visits, after service breakout groups, Option to serve on the various committees, Option to participate in Small Group Ministry, and an existing weekly Friday breakfast group.

Todd spoke about the development of a Zoom session series called, “Backyard Chats.” Any UUFM member could host the chat and discuss/present on a topic of their choice. Todd used the example of a presentation on his hobby of rocketry. The goal would be to encourage deeper primary and secondary connections within the membership. Tony recommended we make a list of the upcoming Backyard Chats and hosts for the website.

Penny discussed the possibility of hosting Town Hall Meetings.

Bob discussed the need for a communications manager who will oversee all of our emails, website, constant contact, video and audio needs. There was discussion of the need for the Communications Committee to develop welcoming videos and possibly podcasts that explain who we are (UUFM).

Penny requested all board members to have their bios and photos to Linda so they can be posted online as part of our welcome.

The Consent Agenda— John moved to approve the consent agenda. Bob second. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Green Sanctuary Report—Bob spoke regarding the Green Sanctuary committee, its needs and plans. The board charged the Green Sanctuary committee to work jointly with Building and Grounds representatives to identify three heating system alternatives with names of local providers who are able to sell and install. The board will present to the finance committee after they have the estimates. Bob made a motion that the committee have the proposals in hand by October. John second. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Board Retreat Report—Penny spoke of the board retreat that will be held on September 25-26. Rita will facilitate Friday evening and Sonya Parr will facilitate the Saturday session from 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Stewardship Task Force Planning—Tony is in need of two young people to assist in the formation of the Stewardship Task Force. Qualified applicants need to be extraverts who think in terms of available resources, not simply money. If anyone has suggestions of people that would be interested in joining this committee, they should contact Tony.

Tony spoke regarding how the Stewardship Task Force “Ask” would be structured. Our goal on Stewardship is to raise UUFM funds by 10% over the next year. A discussion ensued with regard to what financial pledge data should be given to the Stewardship Task Force. The agenda item was tabled for further discussion.

Communications Committee—Todd explained the UUFM advertising campaign on Google. Bob made the motion to approve spending up to 75.00 per month for Google advertising. Kathryn second. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Finance—John moved to approve the finance committee recommendations.

1. Create separate budget line for e -fees
2. Merge UUFM Crisis Fund into Minister’s. Emergency Fund

Bob second. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Mid America Fall Leadership Training—Penny led a discussion regarding the Mid America Fall Leadership Training. The training is \$150 per person up to \$750 for a UUFM team. This training is held on four consecutive Saturdays. John moved to transfer \$750 for a UUFM line item for this purpose. Bob second. The vote was unanimous to approve.

Chalice Lighter Grant—Bob Finley motioned for the approval of Chalice Lighter Grant application that was written by Tony. John second. The vote was unanimous to approve.

Zoom Celebration—Penny led up a discussion of the possibility of holding a Zoom Celebration to recognize those who have contributed to UUFM, committee chairs, and retiring board members. No decisions were made.

UU the Vote: Penny led a discussion regarding the support MUUSJA grant application for general election voter engagement project. John moved that we endorse the grant application that MUUSJA has created. Bob second. The vote was unanimous to approve.

Bob moved we adjourn, Katheryn second. The vote was unanimous to approve.

Mid-Month check-in: Wed. August 19 15, 2020 @ 6 p.m. – ZOOM

Next Meeting: September 3, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m. – ZOOM