

**UUFM Board Meeting
November 5, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.**

Present:

Penny Herickhoff, President
Bob Finley, Vice President
John Knox, Treasurer
Todd Schweim, Secretary
Tom Little, Member at Large
Cheiron McMahon, Member at Large
Kathryn Vonderharr, Member at Large
Rev. Rita Capezzi, Minister — ex officio
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 Reading—Rita read a piece called, “Commitment,” by Dorothy Day.

Personal check-in—Each board member gave a short personal check-in on what they are bringing with them to the meeting and the issues they are dealing with.

Rita read a draft of the new board covenant. Board members collectively gave their input and edits to the draft. The board then spoke of ways that they might utilize to keep this covenant at the forefront of our thoughts and actions.

There were no additions/changes to the agenda.

The Consent Agenda—Bob made a motion, John second, to approve the consent agenda. The vote was unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

Announcements

- **One-page Retreat summary:** Sent to all Leadership Retreat participants on Oct 8.
- **Final Board Report on 2nd year Renewal:** Sent to Rev. Rita and UUA's Ministry Fellowship Committee.
- **UUFM Private Facebook Group:** Communications Committee is re-activating this group to support social connection.
- **Chalice Lighter Grant:** To be re-submitted in November.

Reports

Ministry—Rita said that we will continue to share worship services with other UU sites within our region. There has been significant discussion around this point, scheduling of shared worship services is forthcoming. The next shared worship will be Dec. 20, 2020.

The UU fellowships within our region are discussing how we can share other activities using virtual platforms. Examples of this would be our Green Sanctuary program, and Bloomington's Yoga program. Rita and Penny are continuing to pursue these activities.

Rita discussed leadership development within our board. She shared a Chart of UUFM Committee and Team membership & outstanding vacancies. There was a general discussion around this topic. Rita is going to find a way to share this on a larger scale.

Discussion Items

Bob, Rita, Cheiron, and Katheryn V. are participating in the **Extended Leadership Experience**. Each shared some of their key take-aways from the online sessions. There are four sessions.

Tony proposed possible themes for the UUFM 2020 Stewardship program. The proposed themes are: 1.) Celebrating Generosity. 2.) What Will I Plant and Tend? 3.) Caring for One Another. The board chose #3.

Table Talk debrief. There was less than average attendance to the Stewardship Table Talk, which was held October 25 after the UUFM service. The board discussed ways to improve attendance for future Table Talk discussions.

ACTION ITEMS

Rev. Rita has been working with other people of faith within our community. They have crafted the following Justice Action Statement.

“In the words of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr, “We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly... Anyone who lives inside the United States can never be considered an outsider anywhere within its bounds.” True love is demonstrated in the love of all our neighbors, just as the God of all humanity has loved us. Systems of oppression, white supremacy and racism go against the interdependency that naturally bind us together. Because of our highest calling of love for our neighbors as for ourselves, we cannot rest until all our neighbors of all skin colors can feel the same love and care as all human beings across the spectrum of politics, criminal justice, employment, health care, education, religion, and day to day interactions in the world.”

John made a motion that UUFM affirm the above statement, Cheiron second. The vote was unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

Stewardship and Finance Committee: These committees recommend the use of Breeze as UUFM’s pledge platform for the 2020-21. John made a motion that we adopt the Breeze platform, Bob second. The vote was unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

Bob motioned that we adjourn, John second, unanimous in favor.

**Next Board Check-in:
Wednesday, November 18, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.**

**Next Board Meeting:
Thursday, December 3, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.**