

## Minutes of the First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit

### Annual Congregational Meeting, 2009

**Call to Order:**--The annual Congregational meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM, May 31, 2009 by President Alicia Biggers. The meeting was held in McCollister Hall.

**Roll Call/Quorum:**--Current Board members were all present. Secretary Alma King confirmed that a quorum of congregation members was present.

**Opening Thoughts:**--Rev. Drew Johnston read a selection from "A Drop in the Bucket" by Gordon McKeeman.

**Unfinished Business:**--Approval of the 2008 Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes as presented, moved by Janet Thompson. **Passed**

**New Business:**

1. **Revised By-Laws**—Past President Linda Darga reviewed the proposed changes in the By-Laws. Al Acker moved that the revised By-Laws be accepted as presented. **Passed**
2. **Election**—Jim Harvey, Nominating Committee Chair presented the slate. Officers for 2009-2010 are:

<b>President</b>	Dan Wiest	<b>Trustee—2 year</b>	Dave Lingholm
<b>Vice President</b>	Bill McKnight	<b>Trustee—2 year</b>	Marilyn Mitchell
<b>Treasurer</b>	Sharlene Gage	<b>Trustee—1 year</b>	Dessa Cosma
<b>Secretary</b>	Alma King	<b>Trustee—1 year</b>	Dan Rebb
<b>Heartland Representatives</b>	Lee Gaddies; Ian McGill		
<b>Heartland Alternates</b>	Robert Johnston Ed Collins	<b>Memorial Funds Committee</b>	Mary Neale
<b>Nominating Committee</b>	Jim Harvey; Ivan Cotman Sally Borden; Ruth Seifert Don Clarke	<b>UUA/GA Delegates</b>	None can be sent for 2009.

3. **State of the Church**—President Alicia Biggers updated the congregation on Board activities during the past year. Key components of the year's agenda are the development of Policy; Portfolio; Plan. One goal was to develop policies for use by the staff and the congregation. The second goal was to begin a portfolio management system so that each trustee has at least one area of responsibility. Finally, much work has gone into developing a plan for the church for the next 3 to 5 years.
4. **Minister's Report**—Rev. Drew Johnston
  - Thanks to Alicia, outgoing Board President; the Board; Assistant Minister, Rev. Linda Smith; Linda Kirnohan, Office Administrator.
  - The Plan
  - Policy governance provides for more accountability, responsibility.

- Yearly Themes: We are concluding the year of Honesty. Next year will be Year of Honesty II. It will also be the Year of Leadership Development. We have many good ideas but we need to learn how to manage projects to implement them.
5. **Annual Report**—Copies are available online or in print. Congregation members can sign up to receive a copy and indicate what format they would like.
  6. **Church Plan**—President Alicia Biggers presented a brief overview of the draft of the plan. This plan indicates where we are today, where we want to be in the future and who will do what to get us there. Congregation will be able to vote on the complete plan by the end of 2009. More Congregational input will be requested in a fall activity, “Letter to the Future”. Congregation members can sign up to request a copy either in print or online.
  7. **Budget for 2009-10**—Treasurer Sharlene Gage presented the proposed budget. The budget will be tied to the Plan. For example, if a committee requests funds, its purpose must tie to the Plan. Robert Johnson moved that the Budget for 2009-10 be approved. **Passed**

**Announcements:**

- SOUL Concert, Friday June 5 at 7:30 PM Cost is \$10
- We will have a table at PrideFest, Sunday, June 7 in Ferndale.

The Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Alma King, Secretary**

(To be approved at the next Congregational meeting.)