

January 12, 2011

Minutes – First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit

Board of Trustees

Liberate truth, Radiate kindness, and Love courageously

Organizing Principle: First Unitarian Universalist Church is an urban center for spiritual renewal and social justice in Detroit.

Call to Order: A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in Memorial Hall on January 12, 2011. President Marilyn Mitchell called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

Members in Attendance: Marilyn Mitchell, David Lingholm, Kathleen Jacobs Johnson, Bill McKnight, Robert Johnson, Sally Borden, Dessa Cosma, Julie Brock, Dan Wiest, Rev. Bill Neely.

Excused: Linda Darga. **Guest:** Arlee.

I. Minister's Report – Handout of 1st Church standing compared to the UUA (Attached). Thought provoking questions included regarding budget, use and attendance.

II. Consent Agenda

A. Officer Reports:

1. Kathleen Jacobs Johnson, Secretary, Minutes of December 8, 2010 Meeting. (Attached) Motion to approve the minutes made by Robert, seconded by Dan. Minutes were approved as presented.
2. David Lingholm, Treasurer's Report, (Attached).
 - a. On pace for Trust amount budgeted last month.
 - b. cost to run building (utilities, maintenance, and insurance) = \$78,000 per year (not including the staffing costs)
 - c. Attached costs sheets for ½ year and for last month.
 - d. Letters about 2009 pledges helped as some congregants fulfilled the remaining amount of their pledges.
 - e. Will have breakdown of costs of building for Sunday January 16th congregational meeting.
 1. Will have handouts prepared.
 2. Will make time for lots of questions.
 3. Get handout info into newsletter for all to read.

B. Canvassing, Julie –

1. ½ pledgees not heard from – likely not to hear from.
2. Last year pledged amount = \$120,000; \$80,000-\$90,000 received. This year – pledged amount = \$45,000.
3. Everyone not pledging will have their membership status listed as Friend instead of Member.

III. Old Business

1. **Action Item:** Heat for bathrooms on 2nd floor - Linda and Chris need to get this done for Sugar Law.
2. Work plan – Tabled for February meeting.

At 7:30pm, the Board entered into closed session. Guests were excused.

At 8:30pm, the Board existed closed session.

IV. New Business

1. Search Committee
 - a. Asked Board to change charge to a $\frac{3}{4}$ minister since can't find $\frac{1}{2}$ minister. APPROVED.
 - b. Minimum budget for $\frac{3}{4}$ minister = \$34,000 in salary and benefits (in order to use the UUA).
2. Sherry Well's article idea
 - a. Dessa to get back with Sherry about her proposed article.
 - b. All rentals go through Marilyn and Jenn – leave it to them to advertise.
 - c. If writing an article publicizing the church – get with Bill on it.

Adjournment: 9:35 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Jacobs Johnson, Board Secretary

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 9th, 2011 7:00pm Memorial Hall

Attachments:

1. Agenda for January 12th Board of Trustees Meeting
 2. Minutes: December 8th
 3. Minister's Report
 4. Treasurer/Financial Reports (3)
 5. Rental Report (Marilyn)
 6. Coffee Hour/Membership Committee Report (Kathleen)
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