

March 9, 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 March 9, 2011. President Marilyn Mitchell called the meeting to order at 7:09pm.

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

I. **Minister's Report** – Handout of 1st Church Bylaws requirements and voting quorums (Attached).

II. **Consent Agenda**

A. **Officer Reports:**

1. Kathleen Jacobs Johnson, Secretary, Minutes of February 9, 2011 Meeting. (Attached) Motion to approve the minutes made by Bill, seconded by Dave. Minutes were approved as presented.
2. David Lingholm, Treasurer's Report, (Attached).
 - a. DESC moved to April meeting – already paid for.
 - b. received \$5,000.00 infusion in trust.
 - i. Renters paid on time, and WSU rental of Pullmann helped.
 - ii. Perhaps WSU can come back?
 - iii. Grow with Moe kicked out due to rules infractions of the lease.
 - c. Move to Michigan 1st Credit Union not working out
 - i. they require original copy of Bylaws and incorporation papers
 - ii. Now considering moving to Credit One – easier to work with
 - iii. Jenn just ordered new checks – maybe wait a little while to use up these check first before moving church's bank account.

B. **Canvassing, Julie –**

1. Subcommittee to finish up last of names – Sally to work on
 - a. Undecided members – Sally Julie and Marilyn to go through to determine if they will be counted as members.
 - b. Members must make a pledge within last 2 years.
2. We should start thinking of next year's canvass.
 - a. Good that Rev. Neely forewarned the congregation
3. Do on-line?
 - a. Not as personal and therefore people not inspired to give as much.

b. Robert and Dan to help get something working as an alternative.

III. Old Business

- A. Search Committee, Sally - Julie, Robert, and Sally (Bill is out of town during this search period)
1. Sally contacted Margret Montorry (UUA), and Margret will contact Sally when committee can go online to fill out Search form (new form available in 1 week)
2. April 26 – May 6 UUA website available for search.
- a. We can either search ourselves for a minister or we can have UUA assign us a minister
- b. May 6th at 12pm is when we can make 1st offer.
- B. Anniversary Celebration, Kathleen – Going well. Meeting every 2 weeks.
1. Get announcement into UUA
2. For interest stories, put anniversary invite at end – don't put in the title if we want the story to run.
- a. Better to have a hook for the title – such as Social Justice in Detroit
- C. Membership Growth Plan, Kathleen – tabled until after a decision is made with church.
- D. Proposed Endowment Bylaw Amendment, Bill – (Attached). Bylaw write up largely good.

IV. New Business

- A. Congregation Informational Meeting, Marilyn
1. Get announcement in next newsletter
2. Have Lee Thume and Gwen Foss play song to start off meeting about Dear Old Church and moving on.
3. Will give MOU and RFP bullet points
4. Vote at May Annual Meeting
- B. MOU amendment, Marilyn – no go for 50 year stay.
1. Sanctuary usage for 5 years, and 2 years free rent of other space in church.
2. After 2 years, church would pay rent for usage of other space (based on fraction of utilities)
3. TechTown searching for funding
4. TechTown wants church to vote first before taking offer to Board of Directors.
5. Motion to approve Amendment made by Dave, seconded by Julie. APPROVED.
- C. RFP, Dessa – List of recipients sent in Google Doc – getting lots of buzz.
1. Board unified that RFP is a real process and not a front.
2. Jenn forwarding RFP inquires and RSVPs for tours to Dessa. Dessa to handle questions unless comes across she can't answer, then will open it up to the board for answers.
3. Dan, Dessa, Bill, Kathleen to meet to come up with RFP evaluation method.
4. RFP out to the public.
5. Give RFP to WSU.
- D. Suffolk U. Alternative Spring Break, Marilyn – 16 students & 2 adults – LGBQ \$500.00 for 1 week stay - APPROVED. Okay to have them stay without church supervision, but we would like them to fill out 1st church release form and provide them with list of contact phone numbers.
- E. Motor City Pride, Dessa – Hart Plaza June 4 & 5. Dessa to fill out event form.
- F. Rizzo Drum Circle, Marilyn – APPROVED to use Pullman Hall on Wednesdays. Kitchen in working order.
- G. Non-Member participation, Sally – Tour guides to be Board appointed. Committee Leaders must be members. Non-members welcome to participate on committees and committee work.

H. Street Retreat, Marilyn – Ok to use 1st church as base in May. We still owe some money. Get announcement into newsletter.

I. City Detroit Public School Spring Break Camp, Dave. 100-120 kids and 40 volunteers to be at church 18-24 April from 7:30am – 5:00pm Currently offered \$300.00, but church is asking for \$500.00. Ok either way. Dave can stay at church during this and monitor.

Adjourned 9:12pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Jacobs Johnson, Board Secretary

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 13th, 2011 7:00pm Memorial Hall

Attachments:

1. Agenda for March 9th Board of Trustees Meeting
2. Minister's Report
3. Minutes: February 9, 2011
4. Treasurer/Financial Reports (2)
5. Membership Growth Plan, Kathleen
5. Endowment Fund, Bill
6. RFP, Dessa
7. Rizzo Drum Circle