

May 11, 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 May 11, 2011. President Marilyn Mitchell called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

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

**I. Minister's Report:** (Attached). Recommendations to the Board and affirmation of process.

**II. Consent Agenda**

**A. Officer Reports:**

1. Kathleen Jacobs Johnson, Secretary. Minutes of April 13, 2011 Meeting. (Attached) Minutes to be revised per David (removed d. v. under Treasurer's Report). Motion to approve the revised minutes made by David; seconded by Robert. Minutes approved as revised.
2. David Lingholm, Treasurer, (Attached).
  - a. asking for a small infusion from the Trust.
  - b. Dennis Dupree from DESC will train the next Treasurer and not the board.
    - i. Will come once new Treasurer starts in July.
    - ii. Trust currently around \$185,000.

**III. Q & A with Diana Copeland, Lottie Spady, and Victor Arbulu of EMEAC (Attached)**

- A. Board to vote May 25<sup>th</sup> between MOU and RFP.
- B. Dessa, Bill, Dan, Sally, and Kathleen to start list of negotiations for First Church and MOU/RFP to be done June 12<sup>th</sup>.

**IV. Old Business:**

- A. 2010-11 Canvass, Julie:
  1. Done with thanks especially to Sally who canvassed about 40% of the congregation.
  2. Just under \$70,000 in pledges with 50 pledging units.
  3. Average pledge is over \$1,000.00 (higher than average pledge in all of UUA).
- B. 2011-12 Canvass, Julie:
  1. Going well and hopes to be done before July.
  2. First Sunday had a smaller turnout that Sunday, but already at \$18,000.00.
  3. Dan Secrest said link to pledge online on website not live.
  4. Julie would like to pass advice on to next Canvass chair for 2012-2013.
- C. Search Committee for Interim Minister, Sally:
  1. UUA gave list of 5 candidates and all are interested.
  2. Board to vote on candidate May 25<sup>th</sup>.

D. Search Committee for Settled Minister, Sally:

1. Gladys Santiago pulled out of the committee.
2. Potential fillers: Al Acker, Colleen Dolan Green, Carol Hosey, Ruth Seifert, and Toni Tront. Most have served on previous search committees.
3. Email communication important.
4. Have Mary Lou feel out potential fillers to see if they would be interested. Most sound not interested.
5. Board agreed slate was good.

**V. New Business:**

A. Memorial Funds to Endowment (ByLaws changes), Bill (Attached):

1. Motion to approve made by Julie, seconded by Robert. All approved.
2. Post on website and make copies available for congregation to read for May 22<sup>nd</sup> vote.
3. Once approved, it will need a committee.

B. Annual Report/Trustees' Reports, Marilyn – submit reports by Sunday to Jenn for the congregational meeting:

Julie – Worship, Canvass

Bill – Trust

Dessa – Social Justice

David – Treasurer

Rev. Neely – Minister's Report

Marilyn – President

Kathleen – Membership, The New Alliance, Wednesday Night Activities

Robert – Building & Grounds and Rentals, Newsletter

C. Annual Meeting Arrangements, Marilyn – Marilyn to run, Kathleen to facilitate voting.

D. Special Board Meeting on MOU/RFP May 25 at 7pm, Marilyn –

1. Marilyn to check in with MOU.
2. Trustees to vote on May 25<sup>th</sup>.

E. Committee for Rev. Neely's party, Kathleen – Gathering committee members and ideas.

F. Basement Room for Hamici –

1. Chris estimated \$880.00 to make changes for electrical and security needs in order to move Hamici into the kinder pit.
2. Who pays? First Church, Hamici, or whoever has the building post MOU/RFP? No decision made.

G. Disposition of stuff on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Hallway, Marilyn:

1. Needs to be done inexpensively. Any ideas?

**Adjournment: 9:20 pm**

Respectfully submitted,

*Kathleen Jacobs Johnson, Board Secretary*

**Congregational Meeting: Sunday, May 22, 2011 12:30pm McCollester Hall**

**Special Board Meeting: Wednesday, May 25, 2011 7:00pm Memorial Hall**

**Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, June 8, 2011 7:00pm Memorial Hall**

**Attachments:**

1. Agenda for May 11, 2011 Board of Trustees Meeting

2. Minister's Report (Rev. Neely)
3. Minutes as revised: April 13, 2011
4. Treasurer/Financial Report
5. EMEAC Questions
6. Revision to Endowment Fund (Bill)