

First UU Board Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:16. In attendance were Sean McAde, Sandra Thottakath, Rev. Roger Mohr, Sally Borden, Robert Johnson, Marilyn Mitchell, Dan Wiest

Treasurer's Report

Dan reported that some rent monies collected by First UU in September need to be sent to EMEAC. The amount EMEAC owes First UU for August rent will be figured into the disbursement. The negotiation over the lease payments for the air conditioners and the boilers for the second floor church house continues. The Board has asked that EMEAC assume the insurance payments as well. The issues will be brought up at the next transition meeting.

The board has asked for a new budget projection for 2011-2012. It was explained that it was still a moving target until the insurance and lease payment issues were settled and also what Jenn's final work hours would be.

Marilyn Mitchell will investigate the possibility of opening an account with Charter One Bank. The stumbling block is finding the church's original articles of incorporation which some banks/credit unions are insisting on before considering an account. Marilyn believes she can get Charter One to bypass that requirement.

Worship Committee Retreat

Sean reported that a caterer was being considered for the social hour – perhaps to provide bagels. Avalon bakery is being considered. It was decided that Sharon Mills and Elaine Sikeleanos would coordinate a solution with a sub-committee including Sean and Marilyn.

Building and Grounds

Robert reported that the repairman for the organ will be making a service call soon. The bell tower flood damage has been repaired. Ahmina from EMEAC will be observing the seasonal preparation and turning on of the boiler.

Canvas

Marilyn reported that the total for the pledged amounts is up \$1400, this in spite of losses by death and members leaving. Fourteen people increased their pledges.

EMEAC Report

- Dan reported that EMEAC is inquiring about past surveys of the land and the square footage of the complex. Marilyn stated that she has sent that info to EMEAC previously.
- While Jenn is out sick, Ahmina is maintaining the calendar. Dan Rebb is performing landscaping tasks and Sean McAde is performing custodial tasks. EMEAC is looking for a snow removal service. All maintenance requests are to go through the building manager (Jenn for now). There are no complaints about kitchen usage.
- No rooms need to be cleaned out for the Commons for now. First UU will receive a 60 day notice when furnishings must be removed.
- EMEAC may provide support to Occupy Detroit with First UU facilities.
- Celebration Update: Worship service where 1st UU introduces EMEAC- maybe an environmental justice piece also. An additional celebration will be planned for later in the winter or spring (symbolic transfer, party, social justice, etc). This will be planned well in advance and we might invite UU district reps.
- EMEAC/1st UU Workshop Update: Planned for November 20th, Sally and Mary Lou are spearheading. EMEAC has been asked to co-sponsor - Ahmina will ask them.

Board Retreat

The main topic pressed at the retreat was the need to improve communication – within the congregation and with the outside community. An initiative to train non-tech savvy members will be undertaken. It was

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proposed to involve Sharon Mills to represent this group in determining future action. Robert Johnson will take on communications as part of his portfolio.

Social Justice/Action

Randy Block from Northwest UU will be coordinating a Social Justice workshop at First UU on November 20 on welfare cutbacks and our reaction – standing up for poor families and kids. Area UU churches are scheduled to participate.

“faithfully” submitted,

Dan Wiest