

Minutes of the First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit

Annual Congregational Meeting, May 22, 2011

*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:** The Congregational Meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> UU of Detroit was called to order at 12:40 pm, May 22, 2011 by Marilyn Mitchell. The meeting was held in McCollester Hall.

**Roll Call/Quorum:** Board members present: Marilyn Mitchell, David Lingholm, Robert Johnson, Sally Borden, Dan Wiest, Bill McKnight, Kathleen Jacobs Johnson. Absent: Julie Brock, Dessa Cosma. Secretary Kathleen Jacobs Johnson confirmed that a quorum of congregational members was present.

**Unfinished Business:** Secretary, Kathleen Jacobs Johnson read the 2010 Minutes. (Attached) Approval of the 2010 Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes as presented, moved by Rhonda Rodgers. *Passed.*

**New Business:**

- A. Annual Report** - (Attached) President, Marilyn Mitchell's remarks included in the report.
- B. June 12<sup>th</sup> Congregational Meeting, Marilyn** – Important meeting to decide the future for the church building.
- C. Bylaw Revision, Marilyn** – (Attached) Bylaw Article 9 Trust fund to Endowment to have the Memorial Funds be used to start the Endowment rather than have money from the Trust be placed into the Endowment. This will still meet our Endowment commitment and would still allow access to funds in the Trust when necessary.
  - 1. Currently around \$6,000.00 in Memorial Funds.
  - 2. Janice Berry asked to be relieved of position.
  - 3. New Board would appoint Endowment Fund Committee?
  - 4. All approved unanimously.
- D. Election, Edie McKnight, Chair of Nominating Committee** -
  - 1. Thanked the help of the committee for their help, and then presented the slate.
  - 2. Printed ballot for officers included: Sally Borden for President; Robert Johnson for Vice-President; Dan Wiest as Treasurer; Kathe Stevens for Secretary. For Trustees: Sandra Thottakath, Ruth Seifert, Sean McAde. Nominating Committee: Elayne Sikelianos, Katherine Maurer, Toni Tront, Cynthia ZurSchmiede, Edie McKnight.
  - 3. No nominations came from the floor.
  - 4. FINAL Elected Officers, Trustees, etc. for 2011-2012 are:

<b>President</b>	Sally Borden	<b>Trustee</b>	Sandra Thottakath
<b>Vice President</b>	Robert Johnson	<b>Trustee</b>	Ruth Seifert
<b>Treasurer</b>	Dan Wiest	<b>Trustee</b>	Sean McAde
<b>Secretary</b>	Kathe Stevens		

<b>Nominating Committee</b>	Edie McKnight Toni Tront; Katherine Maurer Elayne Sikelianos Cynthia ZurSchmiede
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**E. Financial Report, David, Treasurer** – Included in the Annual Report – page 7 Profit Loss.

1. \$80,000.00 spent on building costs.
2. Settlement with Rev. Johnston – went to mediation and paid what the determined end about, but Rev. Johnston rejected the process and didn't cash the check.
3. Financial Procedures all in order and to the T.
4. Should do an audit in the future – well worth the money.
5. IRS says First Church owes \$16,000.00, but sounds as though it's a one-time clerical error. Should be resolved once W2 forms resubmitted.

**F. Interim Search Committee, Sally Border and Robert Johnson** –

1. Looking for ¾ minister. Received 5 names, and all are interested. Should have minister by this evening and Board to vote on Wednesday May 25<sup>th</sup>. Received great feedback from candidates of our church and building's future.
2. Salary and housing around \$41,000.00 with pension/retirement (\$15,000.00 less than full-time minister).
3. Using standard UUA contract.
4. Interested in hearing feedback from the congregation on preferred area of focus (such as social justice, outreach, publicity) and where to cut back on.

**G. Announcements, Marilyn** –

1. Tuskegee congregation received \$265.00 from 1<sup>st</sup> UU when plate was shared on May 15<sup>th</sup> service.
2. Need help removing 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor stuff.
3. Update with MOU vs. RFP – choices that Board has narrowed are between EMEAC and TechTown. Board will vote on their recommendation to congregation May 25<sup>th</sup>. Congregation to be informed of vote and information on winner of the Board vote immediately.

**Adjournment:** 1:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Jacobs Johnson, Secretary

(To be approved at the 2011 Congregational Annual Meeting.)

Attachments:

1. Minutes from Congregational Annual Meeting, May 23, 2010.
2. 2010-2011 Annual Report
3. Bylaw Revision Amending Article 9 Trust to Endowment