

MINUTES

Meeting of the Board of Trustees

First Unitarian Universalist Church

September 12, 2012

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 on September 12, 2012. President Sally Borden called the meeting to order at 7:14pm and the board read aloud together: "We covenant to work together in honesty, kindness and respect for each other as we carry out our elected responsibilities to do the business of this church to the best of our abilities. We are a religious community. Let us move forward in love."

Present were Rev. Roger Mohr, Sally Borden (President), Cynthia Zurschmiede (Vice-President), Marilyn Mitchell (Past President), Kathe Stevens (Secretary), Dan Wiest (Treasurer), Sandra Thottakath, Sean McAde, Danny Rebb. There was a quorum.

MINISTER'S OPENING REMARKS: Rev. Mohr invoked the spirit of community, and spoke about the deep opportunities awaiting the congregation.

Sally Borden thanked the board for its work and noted the progress made in the last year.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: *IT WAS MOVED BY KATHE STEVENS, SECONDED BY MARILYN MITCHELL, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 8, 2012 MEETING AS PRESENTED; PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.*

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dan Wiest presented and summarized *First UU Treasurer's Report for August 2012, First UU Profit and Loss August 2012 and First UU Balance Sheet as of August 31, 2012.*

COMMITTEE/PROGRAM REPORTS: *IT WAS MOVED BY MARILYN MITCHELL, SECONDED BY KATHE STEVENS, TO APPROVE THE WRITTEN REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR AS PRESENTED; PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.* It was agreed that the Board will donate flowers on the next available Sunday to show appreciation for Sherry Wells' work as Activities Coordinator. Sally will follow up. There were no other committee or program reports.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Proposed Developmental Ministry: Board members felt that the meeting with Rev. Keith Kron was positive. Three to five goals of the congregation must be included in the Developmental Ministry application, the length of a developmental ministry is based on the number of goals. Kathe will add "starting the application process" to the February agenda.

Update on Play ("Kidnap the Truth"): Two play rehearsal dates for board members were set: Sunday, September 23 at 12:30pm and Wednesday, October 10 at 6:15pm. The second date will require Rev. Mohr Roger to switch his vespers responsibility from the second Wednesday.

Ministerial Evaluation: Since an evaluation of Rev. Mohr was done in the spring of 2012 for the Accredited Interim Program there is no need to do another now.

Trustee of the Day Instructions and Civility Procedure: Sally distributed *General Instructions for Trustees of the Day and Civility and Conflict Resolution for All Church Meetings*.

Retreat Goals: It was agreed that a method is needed for implementing and measuring retreat goals. Danny Rebb will lead a sub-committee of Kathe Stevens and Rev. Mohr to accomplish the methodology; Kathe will organize the first meeting.

Choosing a Ministerial Relations Committee: Rev. Mohr for has experienced four to five models of ministerial relations committees; he will research and bring back a recommendation.

Goal Identification and Fulfillment (Developmental Minister Application): This will be effectively a function of the sub-committee on Retreat Goals. Tabled to February.

MOSES dues: Marilyn presented a request by Mary Lou Malone. ***IT WAS MOVED BY MARILYN MITCHELL, SECONDED BY DAN WIEST, , WITH A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT, TO SPONSOR A SPECIAL COLLECTION DURING A SUNDAY SERVICE FOR THE \$500 MOSES DUES, PAYING WHATEVER WE COLLECT; PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.*** Marilyn will follow up with Mary Lou.

New Board Members: Sally led a discussion on the addition of unelected board members to the table because there was some dissension on the recent appointment of new board members. There was a lengthy discussion on the process and by-law requirements. Danny Rebb, Kathe Stevens and Rev. Mohr will include this topic as part of their sub-committee on goals. Sally will announce the appointment of Danny Rebb to the board in her newsletter column.

EMEAC Board Representative: Bill McKnight agreed to serve as EMEAC representative; Sally will discuss the position with Bill.

Dally in the Alley: Dan Wiest expressed his gratitude to the volunteers at the church table and at the Prentis parking lot. Sean McAde noted more volunteers were needed to monitor and collect money at the parking lot. Volunteers need to be provided with copies of ownership paperwork and non-profit status; we were challenged again this year.

Sugar Law: After discussion, ***IT WAS MOVED BY DAN WIEST, SECONDED BY KATHE STEVENS, TO GIVE FORMAL PERMISSION FOR SUGAR LAW TO SELL ALCOHOL AT ITS UPCOMING FUNDRAISER; PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.*** Sally signed the State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission form, which Dan will return to Sugar Law.

Introduction of Guests at Sunday Services: After discussion, it was agreed to ask the Worship Committee to discuss and decide about a policy to ask new visitors to stand and introduce themselves in Sunday services. Danny Rebb will follow up.

New Member Sunday: On the second Sunday of the month, new members will be introduced at the service and Rev. Mohr will lead an introduction to UUism class after the service. Marilyn will advise Sherry Wells.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathe Stevens, Governing Board Secretary