

MINUTES
FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
Congregational Meeting
May 6, 2012

ORGANIZING PRINCIPLE: First Unitarian Universalist Church is an urban center for spiritual renewal and social justice in Detroit.

CALL TO ORDER: The Annual Congregational Meeting of the First Unitarian Universalist Church was called to order at 12:35pm on Sunday, May 6, 2012, by President Sally Borden.

ROLL CALL/QUORUM: Board members present were Sally Borden (President), Marilyn Mitchell (Past President), Kathe Stevens (Secretary), Dan Wiest (Treasurer), and Sandra Thottakath (Trustee at Large). Robert Johnson (Vice-President) and Sean McAde (Trustee at Large) were absent. Secretary Kathe Stevens confirmed that a quorum of congregational members was present.

Rev. Roger Mohr gave the invocation.

President Borden introduced the agenda, explaining that the proposal to lease the parking lot to East Michigan Environmental Action Council (EMEAC) would be tabled pending additional negotiations and research. President Borden reported that the deed transitioning church property to EMEAC had been signed by all parties. The final step is for EMEAC to file the papers with the Detroit Registrar of Deeds.

MINUTES: Secretary Stevens read the minutes from the previous congregational meeting. IT WAS MOVED BY KATHE STEVENS, SECONDED BY DAN WIEST, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 11, 2011 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AS PRESENTED; PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT: Chair Edie McKnight read and reviewed the proposed slate. IT WAS MOVED BY MARILYN MITCHELL, SECONDED BY DAN WIEST, TO APPROVE THE SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2012-2013 AS PRESENTED; PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Officers elected were: Sally Borden (President), Cynthia Zurschmiede (Vice-President), Kathe Stevens (Secretary), Dan Wiest (Treasurer); Nominating Committee members elected were: Lencha Acker, Danny Rebb, Elayne Sikelianos, Toni Tront, Margaret Wilkie. There were no write-in nominations for Heartland District Representative or Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly delegate.

REVIEW OF ANNUAL REPORT: President Borden noted there were a few printed copies of the Annual Report available and that the full report would be posted online at www.1stuu.org.

REPORT ON THE 2012-2013 CANVASS: Marilyn Mitchell reported that First Church has 50 pledging units who have pledged \$56,026 to date.

PRESENTATION OF BUDGET: Treasurer Dan Wiest presented and reviewed the proposed budget for congregational year 2012-2013. He noted that the budget figures may change due to the transition of ownership of the building from First Church to EMEAC. Dan reviewed the minister's salary and expenses, noting that the board was proposing to pay Rev. Mohr to be a full-time rather than three-quarter time minister. IT WAS **MOVED** BY ELAYNE SIKELIANOS, SECONDED BY DAN SECREST, TO APPROVE THE CONGREGATIONAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013 AS PRESENTED; PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

President Borden introduced new Officer Administrator, Tamara Halliburton, to the congregation and thanked her for her help and for sharing her talents. President Borden also thanked Rev. Mohr for his leadership.

ADJOURNMENT: It was **moved** by Marilyn Mitchell, seconded by Kathe Stevens, to adjourn the meeting; *passed unanimously*. The meeting adjourned at 1:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathe Stevens, Secretary