

MINUTES – RECONVENED ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit
Sanctuary, 4605 Cass Avenue at Forest
June 15, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: The reconvened Annual Congregational Meeting of the First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit was called to order by Governing Board President Marsha Bruhn at 12:02 P.M. on June 15, 2014. Marsha introduced the agenda, noting that the primary purpose of the reconvened meeting was to approve a budget for the fiscal year 2014-2015.

ROLL CALL/QUORUM: Board members present were Marsha Bruhn (President), Sally Borden (Immediate Past President), Danny Rebb (Vice-President), Kathe Stevens (Secretary), Dan Wiest (Treasurer), Sean McAde and Joan Smykowski (Trustees-at-Large), as well as Rev. Roger Mohr, *Ex Officio*. Trustee-at-Large Matt Friedrichs was excused. A quorum of congregational members was present.

INVOCATION: Rev. Roger Mohr gave the invocation, expressing his thanks for the ability to participate in a democratic process, which is part of our principles, and to vote our conscience, so that this year, and this time next year, we are stronger.

MINUTES: The minutes of the previous meeting having been distributed for review, it was **moved** by Robert Johnson, seconded by Sharon Mills, to approve the minutes from the May 18, 2014 Annual Congregational Meeting as presented; **passed**, one opposed.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY DELEGATE: Danny Rebb advised that a delegate position for the 2014 Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly is available to be filled. Julie Brock, elected as delegate at the May 18 Annual Congregational Meeting, is now unable to attend GA. Marsha Bruhn has volunteered to represent First Church as an online delegate. There being no nomination from the floor for a second delegate, it was **moved** by Danny Rebb, seconded by Elayne Sikelianos, to accept Marsha Bruhn as the delegate for 2014-2015 General Assembly; **passed**.

BUDGET: Marsha Bruhn informed the Congregation that there had been a special Governing Board meeting to draft changes to the preliminary budget which had been presented at the May 18, 2014 Annual Congregational Meeting. Treasurer Dan Wiest reviewed “Summary of Changes to Budget Since Annual Meeting,” which had been distributed to the Congregation along with the “2014-2015 Budget,” noting that Sunday donations in the budget were increased to \$2500 due to improved projections and the cantor and social hour coordinator positions were eliminated, expunging the \$12,000 budget deficit in the preliminary budget presented at the May 18 congregational meeting. The new budget being presented does not address two years owed for Rev. Mohr’s retirement, which totals approximately \$7,000. However, the Finance Committee decided the budget needed be balanced for this fiscal year, keeping in mind the amount owed to Rev. Mohr, who has graciously agreed to defer payment of his retirement funding.

It was **moved** by Margaret Wilkie, seconded by Yvanne Ham, to reinstate the cantor position with \$3100 which would be attained through fundraising; **defeated**, five opposed, four abstentions. It was **moved** by Al Acker, seconded by Marilyn Mitchell, to approve the 2014-15 budget as presented; **passed**, four opposed, one abstention.

RECOGNITION OF SEAN MCADE: Marsha Bruhn recognized with gratitude outgoing Board member Sean McAde, noting his work on the Prentis parking lot, his help as the Board struggled with budget issues, and his many other contributions.

CLOSING REMARKS: Marsha Bruhn closed the meeting by assessing the Church’s accomplishments. Marsha thanked the Congregation for being patient, for working with the Board, and for going forward in the new fiscal year to help with development, fundraising, volunteering, and social hour.

The meeting adjourned at 12:52 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, *Kathe Stevens*, Secretary