

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of Trustees
First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit
Whole Foods Community Room, 115 Mack Ave. at John R, Detroit, MI 48201
November 11, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on November 11, 2015. Present were Kathe Stevens, President; Marsha Bruhn, Immediate Past President; Danny Rebb, Secretary; Dan Wiest, Treasurer; Joel Batterman, Matt Friedrichs, Sydney Schaaf, and Dave Vaillencourt, Trustees; Reverend Stephen Butler Murray, Interim Minister. President Kathe Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M. There was a quorum of the Board.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: It was **moved** by Dan Wiest, seconded by Dave Vaillencourt, to adopt the agenda as presented; **approved**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the previous meeting were distributed and reviewed. It was **moved** by Danny Rebb, seconded by Dan Wiest, to accept the minutes from the October 14, 2015 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees as presented; **approved**.

COMMITTEE COORDINATION AND COMMUNICATION:

No committee representatives had anything to report during this section of the meeting.

MINISTER'S REPORT: Rev. Murray advised he will be planning his sermon schedule far in advance and asked for suggestions on sermon topics. He also advised he will be out of town the week of November 16th and return the day before Thanksgiving and attend the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion. He additionally advised that Rabbi Dorit Edut of the Detroit Interfaith Outreach Network (DION) has contracted with EMEAC to hold an ecumenical worship service in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 6th, 2015 from 2:00 – 5:00 PM. President Kathe Stevens volunteered to briefly speak at this event to introduce its attendees to our Unitarian Universalism and our congregation.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Kathe Stevens summarized her written report.

TREASURER: Dan Wiest reviewed *Operating Budget FYE 06/30/2015* and answered questions. It was **moved** by Marsha Bruhn, seconded by Dan Wiest, to adopt the report as presented; **approved**.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building and Grounds Committee – no report.

Care Committee – no report.

Centennial Committee – Kathe Stevens advised that she met with committee chair Colleen Dolan-Greene. A 'save the date' announcement is a priority.

Child Care – Committee chair Sally Borden submitted a written report.

Communications Committee – Committee chair Dan Secret submitted a written report.

EMEAC Liaison – no report.

Finance Committee – Treasurer Dan Wiest summarized his written report.

Fund Development – Committee chair Matt Friedrichs summarized his written report.

Membership Committee – no report.

Planning Committee – Committee chair Deanna McGraw submitted a draft copy of the 2016 Strategic Plan for Board approval as the committee's report. Further discussion and action will take place later in the meeting under Old Business.

Policy & Procedures Ad Hoc Committee – Kathe Stevens advised that committee chair Deanna McGraw sent an email to select congregants asking that they review specifically assigned existing policies and procedures.

Social Justice Committee – Committee chair Joel Batterman summarized his written report.

Worship Committee – Committee member Sally Borden submitted a written report.

Young Adults – Matt Friedrichs advised that Aletha Oberdier will be leading the Young Adults group's efforts regarding the Noel Night 2015 coffee house fundraiser.

OLD BUSINESS:

Social Hour Coordinator – Discussion and action on this agenda item was deferred to next month's regularly scheduled Board meeting.

Ministerial Transition Team – It was **moved** by Marsha Bruhn, seconded by Dan Wiest, to appoint Irene Brisson, Trey Greene, and Mary Lou Malone as the members of the Ministerial Transition Team; **approved**.

Settled Minister Search Committee – It was **moved** by Marsha Bruhn, seconded by Matt Friedrichs, to direct the Nominating Committee to develop a slate of seven Settled Search Committee members to be voted on at the special congregational meeting scheduled for Sunday, December 13, 2015 at 1:00PM; **approved**.

Approval of 2016 Strategic Plan – It was **moved** by Danny Rebb, seconded by Dan Wiest, to adopt the 2016 Strategic Plan as presented; **approved**.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review of Committee Communication and Coordination – Board consensus was that this should be removed from being a standing monthly agenda item at Board meetings with the understanding it may be added to the agenda of a specific meeting as needed.

Governing Board Vice President – The Board accepted Paul Chislett's letter of resignation letter from the position of Vice President with sincere regret and expressed appreciation for his service on the Board. Board consensus was that any action on filling this open position will be deferred to the Board's regularly scheduled January 2016 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:07 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Danny Rebb, Governing Board Secretary

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is at 7:00 P.M. on December 9, 2015 at the Whole Foods Community Room.