

MINUTES - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit
Sanctuary, 4605 Cass Avenue at Forest
May 17, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: The Annual Congregational Meeting of the First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit was called to order by Governing Board President Marsha Bruhn at 12:37 P.M. on May 17, 2015. Marsha introduced the agenda.

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

INVOCATION: Rev. Roger Mohr gave the invocation, expressing his gratitude for the opportunity to do the good work of the church, the importance of governing ourselves pursuant to our polity and tradition, and encouraging us to bring our best to the meeting, with wisdom, knowledge, and love. Rev. Mohr then excused himself from the meeting.

MINUTES: Kathe Stevens, Secretary to the Governing Board, distributed the minutes of the previous meeting for review. There being no questions, it was **moved** by Sally Borden, seconded by Colleen Dolan-Greene, to adopt as presented the minutes from the June 15, 2014 Reconvened Annual Congregational Meeting; **approved**.

PROPOSED BY-LAWS AMENDMENTS: Kathe Stevens referred the congregation to a summary of the proposed amendments to the First UU Church of Detroit by-laws which had been distributed. In order to pass an amendment to the by-laws, three-quarters of the membership must be present. There were not three-quarters of the membership present; therefore, the by-laws amendments were deferred.

ELECTION: Colleen Dolan-Greene, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the 2015-2016 ballot. Colleen noted that the ballot should reflect that trustees will be elected for one-year terms, rather than two-year terms, since the by-laws had not been amended as proposed. Glenn Maxwell nominated himself as a write-in candidate for delegate to the MidAmerica Regional Assembly in 2016.

President – Kathe Stevens

Vice President – Paul Chislett

Trustees at Large – Matt Friedrichs, Dave Vaillencourt

Nominating Committee – Lorenza Acker, Marsha Bruhn, Mary Lou Malone, Rhonda Rogers, Elayne Sikelianos

Delegates to UUA General Assembly 2015 – Kathe Stevens, Joel Batterman

Delegates to MidAmerica Regional Assembly 2016 – Kathe Stevens, Glenn Maxwell

All terms are for one year. It was **moved** by Sally Borden, seconded by Nancy Owen Nelson, that the ballot as presented and amended be adopted by acclamation; **approved**. It was then **moved** by Sally Borden, seconded by Nancy Owen Nelson, to adopt the amended ballot; **approved**.

ANNUAL REPORT: Danny Rebb, Vice President, presented the 2014-15 Annual Report, which is available on the 1stuu.org website.

STRATEGIC PLAN QUARTERLY REPORT: Deanna McGraw, Chair of the Planning Committee, reviewed the work of the Committee and the outcomes of the Strategic Plan to date, noting that the strategic plan had been adopted by the Governing Board and implemented in January 2015. Deanna answered questions from the floor and expressed optimism for the upcoming year and appreciation for the process. The Strategic Plan, which includes a quarterly progress update, is on the 1stuu.org website.

WELCOMING CONGREGATION RENEWAL: Kathe Stevens referred the congregation to the summary of work done in the areas of education, congregational life, and community outreach to achieve the goals suggested by the UUA to renew our Welcoming Congregation designation. After discussion, it was **moved** by Colleen Dolan-Greene, seconded by Robert Johnson, to affirm recognition by the Unitarian Universalist Association as a Welcoming Congregation; **approved**. It was further **moved** by Colleen Dolan-Greene, seconded by Sherry Wells, to adopt the affirmation by acclimation; **approved**.

2015-2016 BUDGET: Dan Wiest summarized the financial statement, *First UU Year in Review 2014-2015*, which had been distributed at the meeting, and answered questions from the floor. Dan then reviewed *First UU Board-Approved Budget 2015-2016*, and answered questions from the floor. After discussion, it was **moved** by Matt Friedrichs, seconded by Lencha Acker, to adopt the First UU Board-Approved Budget 2015-2016 as presented; **approved**.

MINISTERIAL SERVICES 2015-16: Matt Friedrichs introduced himself as *de facto* Chair of the Interim Search Committee and explained that the Committee had been tasked with finding an interim minister to shepherd the congregation for the next two or three years until we are able to call a settled minister. Matt explained the process used by the Governing Board and the Committee to make a decision to hire a half-time interim minister, updated the congregation on where the congregation stood currently in the search process, and answered questions from the floor.

CLOSING REMARKS: Marsha Bruhn closed the meeting by thanking the congregation. The meeting adjourned at 1:46 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathe Stevens, Secretary