

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
February 10, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on February 10, 2016. Present were Kathe Stevens, President; Marsha Bruhn, Immediate Past President; Matt Friedrichs, Vice President; Danny Rebb, Secretary; Dan Wiest, Treasurer; Joel Batterman, Matt Friedrichs, Sydney Schaaf, and Dave Vaillencourt, Trustees; Reverend Stephen Butler Murray, Interim Minister; Colleen Dolan-Greene, guest. President Kathe Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:03 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 Matt Friedrichs, to accept the minutes from the February 10, 2016 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees as presented; **approved**.

MINISTER'S REPORT: Rev. Murray advised that the theme of last month's sermons was transition, namely our history and where we are going. He further advised that Black History is the theme for this month; March will be Women's History and April the Centennial. He also advised that he will schedule a time for a meeting with members of the congregation to discuss programming content around the topic of spirituality. He additionally advised that Social Hour is an essential time for pastoral relations and to connect with members of the congregation in person.

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

TREASURER: Dan Wiest reviewed *Operating Budget FYE 06/30/2016*, answered questions, and advised that the Financed Committee will prepare a preliminary budget for the Canvass Committee to present to the congregation on Stewardship Sunday, April 3, 2016

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building and Grounds Committee – no report.

Canvass Committee – Committee Co-Chair Marsha Bruhn submitted a written report, answered questions, and advised that the primary event of this year's canvass will be a Stewardship Sunday, held on April 3, 2016 instead of holding several house meetings as was done in years past. She also advised that a spring clean-up event for the Cass Corridor Commons' buildings and grounds will be held on the weekend of April 9 – 10 to give members the opportunity to contribute their time. Board consensus was that a Stewardship Dinner for the congregation will be held at the Park Shelton Apartments on Wednesday, March 24, 2016.

Care Committee – no report.

Centennial Committee – Committee Chair Colleen Dolan-Greene submitted a written report and answered questions. Board consensus was that the Centennial celebration should be a two day event to be held on April 16 – 17, 2016.

Child Care – no report.

Communications Committee – Committee Chair Dan Secrest submitted a written report. Kathe Stevens will reach out to Dan Secrest for clarification of the Communications Policy.

EMEAC Liaison – no report.

Finance Committee – no report.

Fund Development – no report.

Membership Committee – no report.

Planning Committee – no report.

Policy & Procedures Ad Hoc Committee – Committee Chair Deanna McGraw submitted a written report and the following draft policy and procedure documents were distributed to the Board to review in advance of this meeting: Bentley Historical Library, Civility, Disruptive Behavior, EMEAC Board Representative, Executive Sessions, Fundraising, as well as Marketing and Public Relations. Changes were suggested to all draft policies presented with the exception of Fundraising and Marketing and Public Relations.

Social Justice Committee – no report. Committee chair Joel Batterman advised the committee is meeting on Thursday, February 11, 2016.

Worship Committee – no report.

Young Adults – no report. Matt Friedrichs advised the young adults held a potluck during the Big Football Game and that the group will be coordinating the UU Regional Picnic on Belle Isle again this year.

OLD BUSINESS:

Appointment of New Trustee – Board consensus was that the currently vacant Trustee position on the Governing Board will remain vacant until elections will be held at the Annual Congregational Meeting in May, 2016.

2016 – 2017 Budget Meetings – Dan Wiest advised that a budget workshop will be scheduled in April 2016 after preliminary results from the 2016 – 2017 fiscal year’s canvass are received.

Defining Brand Name – Board consensus was “First UU Detroit”. The selection of our brand name will require congregational approval and be an agenda item at the Annual Congregational Meeting in May, 2016.

Meeting with MidAmerica MSR – Rev. Barbra Child, the UUA’s MidAmerica Region’s Settlement Representative wishes to preach a sermon at First UU, as well as meet with the Search Committee, the Governing Board, and members of the congregation. Board consensus was that Rev. Murray be present but not preach on that Sunday. The date of Rev. Child’s visit is yet to be determined at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

No New Business was discussed at this meeting of the First UU Governing Board.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Danny Rebb, Governing Board Secretary

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is at 7:00 P.M. on March 9, 2016 at the Whole Foods Community Room.