

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
March 9, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on March 9, 2016. Present were Kathe Stevens, President; Marsha Bruhn, Immediate Past President; Matt Friedrichs, Vice President; Danny Rebb, Secretary; Dan Wiest, Treasurer; Joel Batterman, Sydney Schaaf, and Dave Vaillencourt, Trustees; Reverend Stephen Butler Murray, Interim Minister; Joan Smykowski, guest. President Kathe Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. There was a quorum of the Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the previous meeting were distributed and reviewed. It was **moved** by Danny Rebb, seconded by Marsha Bruhn, 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 he is very excited about his upcoming sermon on spirituality and how this will lead into a discussion with the congregation regarding both adult religious education topics and methods. Rev. Murray further advised he is strongly considering using the UUA's 'New UU' religious education curriculum. He additionally advised that he is very excited about our upcoming April visit from Rev. Barbara Child, the UUA MidAmerica Region's Ministerial Settlement Representative regarding our initiating our search for a settled minister. He also advised that he is excited about our Centennial celebration happening soon.

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

TREASURER: Dan Wiest reviewed *Operating Budget FYE 06/30/2016*, and answered questions. It was **moved** by Matt Friedrichs, seconded by Sydney Schaaf, to pay off the remaining principle balance of the pension arrearage owed to Rev. Mohr to TIAA, as well as to include the amount of forgone earnings his account lost due to us not having made principle payments on schedule; **approved**. The amount of forgone earnings will be calculated by TIAA as soon as the principle balance is paid off. It was **moved** by Dan Wiest, seconded by Danny Rebb, to authorize the Centennial Committee to authorize the expenditure of \$750.00 on Centennial related events to be held on April 16 and 17, 2016; **approved**.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building and Grounds Committee – Tim Bailey submitted a written report.

Canvass Committee – Committee Co-Chair Marsha Bruhn summarized her written report. It was **moved** by Marsha Bruhn, seconded by Dave Vaillencourt, to authorize the expenditure of \$400.00 for canvass related expenses; **approved**.

Care Committee – no report.

Centennial Committee – Committee Chair Colleen Dolan-Greene submitted a written report.

Child Care – no report.

Communications Committee – Committee Chair Dan Secrest submitted a written report.

EMEAC Liaison – no report.

Finance Committee – Committee Chair Dan Wiest summarized his written report.

Membership Committee – Committee Chair Joan Smykowski advised that leadership development is a major challenge for the next year.

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: Child Care, Personnel, Sexual Harassment, and Whistleblower. Changes were suggested to all draft policies presented. The Board expressed sincere thanks to Rev. Lisa Presley, MidAmerica Region Congregational Life Consultant for the assistance she provided regarding the Personnel policy.

Social Justice Committee – Committee Chair Joel Batterman summarized his written report and advised that the Committee's next community event will be a discussion held in late April regarding proposed zoning changes in our neighborhood, exact date and time to be determined.

Worship Committee – Sally Borden submitted a written report.

Young Adults – no report.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Church Building Accessibility – Joan Smykowski will check with Glenn Maxwell regarding his progress on this project.

MidAmerica Regional Assembly Resolution on Muslim Solidarity – A copy of the Resolution was distributed to members of the Governing Board for review. It was **moved** by Marsha Bruhn, seconded by Dave Vaillencourt, to support the Resolution; **approved**.

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 April 13, 2016 at the Whole Foods Community Room.