

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
April 13, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on April 13, 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. President Kathe Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 Dave Vaillencourt, to accept the minutes from the March 9, 2016 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees as presented; **approved**.

MINISTER'S REPORT: Reverend Murray advised that he is looking forward to our upcoming Centennial celebration on April 16 – 17, 2016. He also advised that he will begin a shift in focus towards spirituality programming and will elaborate on this in his May 2016 newsletter article. Reverend Murray is thoroughly enjoying his time as interim minister with us and wished to remind the congregation that he will stay on for the next year or two until we call a settled minister. He is flattered that some congregants have expressed the desire that he stay on permanently as our settled minister, but to do so is not the covenant he made with us. He also advised that he will be accepting the call to serve as leader of the International Council of Community Churches denomination.

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. Dan advised that a 2016-2017 FY budget workshop will be held on Wednesday, May 4th from 7:00pm – 9:00 pm at 1300 Lafayette.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Canvass Committee – Committee Co-Chair Marsha Bruhn summarized her written report and answered questions.

Care Committee – no report.

Centennial Committee – Committee Chair Colleen Dolan-Greene submitted two written reports.

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 – no report.

Nominating Committee – President Kathe Stevens advised that the committee is working to fill a slate to include the positions of President, Vice President, two Trustee-at-large positions, the members of next year’s Nomination Committee, and delegates to both the 2017 UUA General Assembly and the 2017 MidAmerica Regional Assembly.

Planning Committee – Committee member Deanna McGraw submitted the written 2016 First Quarter Strategic Plan 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: Communications, Conflict Resolution, as well as eight Finance-related policies: Pledging and Gifts, Expense Reimbursement, Operating Budget Development, Operating Budget Reporting, Spending Authorization – Capital, Spending Authorization – Operating, Spending Authorization – Restricted, and Sunday Collection Plate. Board consensus was that action on these be deferred until the May 2016 Board meeting.

Settled Minister Search Committee – Vice President Matt Friedrichs will reach out to Art Hillman, UUA MidAmerica Regional Compensation Consultant to schedule a meeting with him, our Governing Board, and members of the Settled Minister Search Committee.

Social Justice Committee – Committee Chair Joel Batterman summarized his written report and advised that the Committee’s next meeting is scheduled for next week. He further advised that he started a petition regarding proposed zoning changes in our neighborhood and that he and Glenn Maxwell gave testimony to City Council regarding this issue.

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

Young Adults – Group member and Governing Board Vice President Matt Friedrichs advised that we continue to have young adult new visitors on Sundays. He further advised the date will soon be set for this year’s Belle Isle Regional UU Picnic.

OLD BUSINESS:

MSR-1 Meeting – This meeting was held on Sunday, April 10, 2016 between Reverend Barbara Child and our Governing Board. President Kathe Stevens verbally summarized this content of this meeting for those Board members who were unable to attend.

NEW BUSINESS:

Reverend Murray’s Interim Ministry Agreement – Immediate Past President Marsha Bruhn will schedule a meeting with Reverend Murry to be held during the next few weeks for the purpose of drafting a one year extension of his current contract with us to serve as our Interim Minister.

MidAmerica Social Witness Action – President Kathe Stevens advised that a public social witness action will be held regarding UU and Muslim Solidarity during the next MidAmerica Region Board meeting, to be held in Detroit. The nature of the action, location, as well as the exact date and time have yet to be determined.

Bylaw Amendments – President Kathe Stevens advised that an ad hoc committee has been formed for the purpose of reviewing and rewriting our Bylaws to be presented at a future Congregational Meeting. The members of this committee are Deanna McGraw, Danny Rebb, and Dave Vaillencourt.

2016 UUA General Assembly Scholarship - A motion was made and a vote taken, both via email, since the time of the April 13, 2016 Governing Board meeting, that a letter of recommendation be written for Danny Rebb for him to use in conjunction with his application for a 2016 UUA General Assembly Planning Committee Scholarship and that our congregation

pledge the amount of \$350 in matching funds for him to use to for travel, lodging, and meal expenses; ***approved.***

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:52 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Danny Rebb, Governing Board Secretary

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is at 7:00 P.M. on May 11, 2016 at the Whole Foods Community Room.