

MINUTES - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit
Social Hall, 4605 Cass Avenue at Forest
May 15, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: The Annual Congregational Meeting of the First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit was called to order by Governing Board President Kathe Stevens at 12:45 P.M. on May 15, 2016. Kathe introduced the agenda.

ROLL CALL/QUORUM: Board members present were Kathe Stevens (President), Matt Friedrichs (Vice-President), Danny Rebb (Secretary), Dan Wiest (Treasurer), and Dave Vaillencourt (Trustee-at-Large). Immediate Past President Marsha Bruhn and Trustees-at-Large Joel Batterman and Sydney Schaaf were excused. A quorum of congregational members was present.

COVENANT: Kathe Stevens, President, led the meeting attendees in the reading of the following covenant: "We covenant to work together in honesty, kindness, and respect for each other as we carry out the business of this church. We are a religious community. Let us move forward in love."

MINUTES: Danny Rebb, Secretary to the Governing Board, distributed the minutes of the previous meetings for review. There being no questions, it was **moved** by Al Acker, seconded by Danny Rebb, to adopt as presented the minutes from the May 17, 2015 Annual Congregational Meeting and the December 13, 2015 Special Congregational Meeting; **approved**.

ELECTION: Mary Lou Malone, member of the Nominating Committee, presented the 2016-2017 ballot.

President – Kathe Stevens (2nd one year term)
Vice President – Dan Wiest (1st one year term)
Trustees at Large – Dan Hale (1st one year term), Nathan Strickland, Jr. (1st two year term)
Nominating Committee – Marsha Bruhn, Matt Friedrichs, Chloe Lundine, Mary Lou Malone, Regina Weiss (one year terms)
Delegates to UUA General Assembly 2016 – Robert Johnson, Danny Rebb, and Kathe Stevens

Delegates to MidAmerica Regional Assembly 2017 – Glenn Maxwell, Danny Rebb, and Kathe Stevens were nominated from the floor.

It was **moved** by Mary Lou Malone, seconded by Sally Borden, that the ballot as presented and amended be adopted by acclamation; **approved**. It was then **moved** by Marilyn Mitchell, seconded by Mary Lou Malone, to adopt the amended ballot; **approved**.

ANNUAL REPORT: Kathe Stevens, President, presented the 2015-16 Annual Report, which is available on the 1stuu.org website.

STRATEGIC PLAN QUARTERLY UPDATE: 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 2016. 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. Deanna further noted that Danny Rebb will begin to serve as Chair of the Planning Committee on August 1st, 2016.

2016-2017 BUDGET: Bob Lauer summarized the financial statement, *First UU Year in Review 2015-2016*, which had been distributed at the meeting, and answered questions from the floor. Bob then reviewed *First UU Board-Approved Budget 2016-2017*, and answered questions from the floor. After discussion, it was **moved** by Al Acker, seconded by Nancy Owen Nelson, to adopt the First UU Board-Approved Budget 2016-2017 as presented; **approved**.

SETTLED MINISTER SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE: Deanna McGraw, Settled Minister Search Committee Chair, advised the congregation that the committee has begun to meet. Deanna also advised that the next task of the committee is to conduct a survey of congregation members to determine the experience and qualities we deem to be desirable for a settled minister to possess. Deanna further advised that the Governing Board considered the Finance Committee's recommendation that a ¾ time rather than a full time minister be hired and asked the Settled Minister Search Committee to act accordingly.

BOARD UPDATE: Matt Friedrichs, Vice President, introduced himself and presented an overview of the status of the building and the congregation's place in it.

CHOOSING AN ACRONYM (BRANDING): Deanna McGraw presented the congregation with a list of the nineteen different acronyms and abbreviations by which the congregation currently refers to itself and advised of the need for standardization. After considerable discussion, it was decided by consensus that our acronym shall be UU Detroit, for both internal and external use, with the eventual use of the internet address www.uudetroit.org upon the conclusion of migrating our website to the Word Press platform.

CLOSING REMARKS: Kathe Stevens closed the meeting by thanking the congregation, committee chairpersons, program leads, and all those who work for the church and noted that she is honored to serve. The meeting adjourned at 1:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Danny Rebb, Secretary