

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
January 12, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on January 12, 2017. Present were Kathe Stevens, President; Dan Wiest, Vice President; Marsha Bruhn, Immediate Past President; Danny Rebb, Secretary; Robert Lauer, Treasurer; Dan Hale and Nathan Strickland, Jr., Trustees-at-Large; Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Interim Minister. Trustees Sydney Schaaf and Dave Vaillencourt were excused. President Kathe Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:03 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 Dan Hale, seconded by Dan Wiest, to accept the minutes from the December 8, 2016 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees as presented; **approved**.

MINISTER'S REPORT: Rev. Murray advised that he is really enjoying preaching his series of sermons regarding the Seven Unitarian Universalist Principles. He further advised that he will be presenting on the topic of "Diversity as Strength for Unity" at the upcoming UUA General Assembly to be held in New Orleans, LA in June, 2017.

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

TREASURER: Bob Lauer reviewed *Statement of Operations for the month ending 12/31/2016*, and answered questions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

There were no reports from: Building and Grounds, Care, Child Care, Communications, Membership, Planning, Social Justice, Settled Minister Search, or the Worship Committees, EMEAC Liaison, or Young Adults Program.

Finance Committee - Bob Lauer advised that the next monthly Share the Plate Collection will be taken on Sunday, January 15th, 2017 with MUUSJN (Michigan Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Network) being the beneficiary that day. Sharing this plate collection will satisfy MUUSJN's dues requirement for UU Detroit being a Member Congregation for 2017.

OLD BUSINESS:

Gift for Staff - After discussion, it was **moved** by Dan Wiest, seconded by Dan Hale, to approve an additional amount of \$168.40 for a gift to a UU Detroit staff member; **approved**.

Migration of Website - Kathe Stevens reported on progress for the architecture and migration of UU Detroit's new website and requested those present at this meeting to navigate it and submit comments regarding it to Sydney Schaaf.

NEW BUSINESS:

2017 UUA Congregational Certification - Screen shots of information submitted to the UUA as of this meeting were distributed to members of UU Detroit's Governing Board for their review.

Secretary Danny Rebb noted the comments given at this meeting and will update the Certification accordingly prior to its submission deadline of February 1st, 2017.

New Printer - Dan Wiest advised that due to ongoing issues with our previous office printer, Glenn Maxwell researched replacement options for it. After discussion, it was **moved** by Marsha Bruhn, seconded by Dan Hale, to approve the amount of up to \$350.00 for the purchase of a new printer and toner cartridge; **approved**.

OTHER BUSINESS:

An occasion visitor to UU Detroit's Sunday services emailed members of the Governing Board and offered to record our speakers and distribute them to the public via their website. After review and discussion of his proposal, Board consensus was to graciously decline their offer. Kathe Stevens will send an email to inform of our decision.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:06 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Danny Rebb, Governing Board Secretary

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 9, 2017 at the Whole Foods Community Room.