

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 13th, 2017

**CALL TO ORDER:** A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on April 13th, 2017. Present were Kathe Stevens, President; Dan Wiest, Vice President; Marsha Bruhn, Immediate Past President; Danny Rebb, Secretary; Robert Lauer, Treasurer; Dan Hale and Dave Vaillencourt, Trustees-at-Large; Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Interim Minister. Trustees Sydney Schaaf and Nathan Strickland, Jr. were excused. 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 Dan Wiest, seconded by Marsha Bruhn, to accept the minutes from the March 9, 2017 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees as submitted; **approved**.

**MINISTER'S REPORT:** Rev. Murray advised that he will be preaching a sermon on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> regarding the controversy over the UUA's hiring practices.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Kathe Stevens summarized her written report and answered questions. She reminded the members of the Governing Board that UU Detroit's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 21, 2017 in the Sanctuary at 12:30 PM.

**TREASURER:** Bob Lauer reviewed *Statement of Operations for the month ending 3/31/2017*, and answered questions.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

There were no reports from: Building and Grounds, Canvass, Care, Nominating, Planning, or Social Justice Committees, Share the Plate ad hoc Committee, EMEAC Liaison, or Young Adults Program.

**Child Care Committee** – Committee Chair Sally Borden submitted a written report.

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

**Finance Committee** – Bob Lauer presented the working budget to be included in the 2017-2018 canvass brochure to the Board for review and answered questions. He advised that the annual budget workshop for members of the Board and Finance Committee will be held on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. at 1300 Lafayette in Detroit.

**Membership Committee** – Committee Chair Dessa Cosma submitted a written report.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Migration of Website** – Maintenance procedures for [www.uudetroit.org](http://www.uudetroit.org) remain to be established. Our new URL is currently non-searchable via Google. Searching on Unitarian Universalist Detroit still points users to our old website's address at [www.1stuu.org](http://www.1stuu.org). This issue also remains to be addressed.

**Social Hour Coordinator** – Omar Davis, who has filled in previously coordinating social hour, will temporarily work for UU Detroit at least through mid-May in this position.

**Directory** – Board consensus was that this agenda item be tabled until a report is received from the ad hoc Online Directory Committee.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Reverend Murray Contract Negotiation** - Board consensus was that Bill McNight and Dan Hale will negotiate Reverend Murray's Settled Minister contract and that they will present a proposed contract to the Governing Board for review at its May 2017 meeting.

**Reverend Murray Installation** - Board consensus was that Reverend Murray's UU Detroit Settled Minister Installation Service will be held during fall of 2017. Kathe Stevens will contact The Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington regarding the budget for their recently held Settled Minister installation Service. Dan Hale will contact the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church to make the same inquiry regarding their recent Settled Minister Installation Service.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Minister's 2017 General Assembly Expenses** - After discussion, it was **moved** by Marsha Bruhn, seconded by Dave Vaillencourt, to contribute \$750.00 toward Reverend Murray's costs associated with attending the General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association to be held in New Orleans, LA during June 21 – 21, 2017; **approved**.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 8:18 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Danny Rebb, Governing Board Secretary

*The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, May 11, 2017 at the Whole Foods Community Room.*