

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
May 11th, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on May 11th, 2017. Present were Dan Wiest, Vice President; Danny Rebb, Secretary; Robert Lauer, Treasurer; Dan Hale and Dave Vaillencourt, Trustees-at-Large; Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Interim Minister; and EMEAC Liaison, Lorenza (Lencha) Acker, Guest. President Kathe Stevens, Immediate Past President Marsha Bruhn, Trustees Sydney Schaaf and Nathan Strickland, Jr. were excused. Vice President Dan Wiest called the meeting to order at 7:15 P.M. There was not a quorum of the Board present at this meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: This agenda item was tabled until the June 8th, 2017 Governing Board meeting.

MINISTER'S REPORT: Rev. Murray advised that he has concluded his series of sermons on the Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalism and that he thoroughly enjoyed preaching on this topic.

EMEAC LIAISON: Lencha Acker advised of EMEAC's Governing Board to meet with UU Detroit's Governing board for the purpose of discussing our common future. Consensus of Board members present was that a subcommittee be formed for this purpose with potential members being Marsha Bruhn, Dessa Cosma, Dan Hale, Rev. Murray, and Dan Wiest.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Kathe Stevens submitted a written report.

TREASURER: Bob Lauer reviewed *Statement of Operations for the month ending 4/30/2017*, and answered questions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

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

Finance Committee – Bob Lauer reviewed the working budget to be presented to the congregation for approval at the May 26th, 2017 Annual Congregational Meeting. Bob advised that the next Share the Plate Collection will be held on Sunday, May 21st, 2017 and that the guest recipient will be a BLUU (Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism) scholarship fund, the purpose of which is to subsidize 2017 UUA General Assembly registration costs for People of Color or Indigenous UUs in need of financial assistance to attend.

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 – This agenda item was tabled until the June 8th, 2017 Governing Board Meeting.

Social Hour Coordinator – Omar Davis will continue to work as UU Detroit's social hour coordinator until further notice.

Directory – This agenda item was tabled until the June 8th, 2017 Governing Board Meeting.

Reverend Murray Contract Negotiation - Dan Hale advised a draft copy of the proposed contract will be presented Governing Board for review at its June 2017 meeting.

Reverend Murray Installation - Board consensus was that Reverend Murray's UU Detroit Settled Minister Installation Service will be held on Saturday, September 9, 2017 at 11:30 AM in the sanctuary. The ceremony will be followed by a luncheon.

NEW BUSINESS:

Strategic Plan 1st Quarter Report – Planning Committee member Dan Hale summarized the written report and advised that unfortunately little progress has been made towards completion of the Plan's goals as of this point in time. He suggested that the Board and congregation consider changing the term of future Plans to coincide with the church fiscal year rather than the calendar year.

Child Care Substitute - This agenda item was tabled until the June 8th, 2017 Governing Board meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no additional other business transacted at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Danny Rebb, Governing Board Secretary

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, June 8th, 2017 at the Whole Foods Community Room.