

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  
June 8th, 2017

**CALL TO ORDER:** A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on June 8th, 2017. Present were Kathe Stevens, President, Dan Wiest, Vice President; Marsha Bruhn, Immediate Past President; Danny Rebb, Secretary; Robert Lauer, Treasurer; Dan Hale, Nathan Strickland Jr., and Dave Vaillencourt, Trustees-at-Large; Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Interim Minister; Maysel Brooks, Joel Fortgang and Joan Smykowski, Guests. Trustee Sydney Schaaf was excused. President Kathe Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. A quorum of the Board was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** It was **moved** by Dan Wiest, seconded by Marsha Bruhn, to accept the minutes from the April 13, 2017 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees as submitted; **approved**. It was **moved** by Dan Wiest, seconded by Marsha Bruhn, to accept the minutes from the May 11, 2017 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees as submitted; **approved**.

**MINISTER'S REPORT:** Rev. Murray advised that he is looking forward to making a presentation at this year's UUA General Assembly in New Orleans, LA later this month.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Kathe Stevens submitted a written report and answered questions.

**TREASURER:** Bob Lauer reviewed *Statement of Operations for the month ending 5/31/2017*, and answered questions.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

There were no reports from: Finance, Care, Child Care, Nominating, Installation, Membership, Planning, or Social Justice Committees, Share the Plate ad hoc Committee, our EMEAC Liaison, or Young Adults Program.

**Buildings and Grounds Committee** – Board consensus was that Dan Wiest will speak with Tim Bailey regarding obtaining a quote for roof repairs to present to EMEAC. A date for holding clean-up day event will be set soon.

**Canvass Committee** – Committee Chair Joan Smykowski submitted a written report and answered questions.

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

**Installation Committee** – The date of Reverend Murray's UU Detroit Settled Minister Installation Service has been changed and will now be held on Saturday, September 23, 2017 at 11:30 AM in the sanctuary. The ceremony will be followed by a luncheon.

**Social Justice Committee** – Committee Chair Nathan Strickland Jr. advised that the Social Justice Committee will be holding a conversation with the congregation regarding its areas of interest regarding social justice on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017. He further advised that he and Dan Wiest and met with members of the Cass Avenue Mosque and they are interested in collaborating with us, especially on environmental justice issues.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Migration of Website** – This agenda item was tabled until the July 13th, 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 July 13th, 2017 Governing Board Meeting.

**Reverend Murray Contract Negotiation** - It was **moved** by Marsha Bruhn, seconded by Dan Hale for the Board to enter into an executive session to discuss Rev. Murray’s future contract; **approved**. The executive session began at 8:27 PM and at Reverend Murray excused himself at that time. It was **moved** by Marsha Bruhn, seconded by Dan Wiest to approve Reverend Murray’s Settled Minister contract as amended to delete the words “transition team” from Attachment A, Item 19; **approved**. The Board emerged from executive session at 8:48 PM and Rev. Murray was invited to rejoin the meeting.

**Strategic Plan 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report** – Board consensus was to accept the Strategic Plan 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Office Administrator Position** - Alexis Mitchell submitted notice that she will be leaving effective June 30<sup>th</sup> 2017. Board consensus was to begin to the search process to find a candidate for this soon to be open position.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**EMEAC Monthly Donation** - It was **moved** by Marsha Bruhn, seconded by Dan Hale, to increase UU Detroit’s monthly donation to EMEAC to \$300; **approved**.

**Reverend Murray’s 2017 General Assembly Expenses** - It was **moved** by Marsha Bruhn, seconded by Dan Wiest, to allocate the \$700 remaining in the current FY’s leadership budget towards Reverend Murry’s 2017 General Assembly 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 Thursday, July 13th, 2017 at the Whole Foods Community Room.*