

MINUTES
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit
Social Hall, 4605 Cass Avenue at Forest
Sunday, May 21, 2017

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 12:54 P.M. on May 21, 2017. Kathe introduced the agenda.

INVOCATION: The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray offered words of invocation.

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.”

VERIFICATION OF QUORUM: Per Article IV, Section 2E, thirty-five (35%) of voting members present at a duly called meeting of the Congregation shall constitute a quorum. As of 5/21/2017, UU Detroit has 114 voting members. Therefore, a quorum consists of a minimum of 40 voting members. Since 42 voting members attended this meeting, a quorum was present.

MINUTES: Danny Rebb, Secretary to the Governing Board, distributed the minutes of previous meetings for review. There being no questions, it was **moved and seconded** to adopt as presented the minutes from the December 12, 2016 Special Biannual Congregational Meeting and the March 26, 2017 Special Congregational Meeting; **approved**.

ELECTION: Marsha Bruhn, of the Nominating Committee, presented the 2017-2018 ballot.

President – Dan Hale (1st one-year term)

Vice President – Nathan Strickland, Jr. (1st one-year term)

Trustees at Large – Dan Wiest, 2017-18 (filling 2nd year of Nathan Strickland Jr.’s two-year term); Maysel Brooks, 2017-19 (two-year term); Joel Fortgang, 2017-19 (two-year term); Dan Secrest, 2017-19 (two-year term)

Nominating Committee – Marsha Bruhn, Jillian Fortgang, Matt Friedrichs, Mary Lou Malone, Regina Weiss 2017-18 (one-year terms)

Delegates to UUA General Assembly 2017 – Dan Hale, Matt Friedrichs, and Kathe Stevens

Delegates to MidAmerica Regional Assembly 2018 – No candidates recommended at this time.

It was **moved and seconded** that the ballot as presented be adopted by acclamation; **approved**.

ANNUAL REPORT: Danny Rebb, Secretary, presented the *2016-17 Annual Report*, which is available on the 1stuu.org website.

2017-2018 BUDGET: Bob Lauer summarized the financial statement, *First UU Year in Review 2016- 2017*, which had been distributed at the meeting, and answered questions from the floor. Bob then reviewed *First UU Board-Approved Budget 2017-2018* and answered questions from the floor. After discussion, it was **moved and seconded** to adopt the *First UU Board-Approved Budget 2017-2018* as presented; **approved**.

INFORMATIONAL UPDATE: The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray offered the congregation his thoughts and reflections on current issues. He also thanked the congregation for placing their trust in him by having extended the invitation to serve as the Settled Minister of UU Detroit.

CLOSING REMARKS: Kathe Stevens closed the meeting by thanking all those who work so hard for the church and advised that she is honored to serve. The meeting adjourned at 1:24 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Danny Rebb, Secretary