

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of Trustees
First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit
Parlor, 4605 Cass, Detroit, MI 48201
April 15, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Governing Board of Trustees was held on April 15, 2018. Present were Dan Hale, President; Kathe Stevens, Immediate Past President; Nathan Strickland Jr., Vice President; Dan Secrest, Dan Wiest, Deanna McGraw, and Sharon Wills, Trustees-at-Large; Bob Lauer (by phone), Treasurer; The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murry, Minister; and Nancy Shattuck, Interim Board Secretary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes for the March 18, 2018 meeting will be reviewed for approval at the May 6 meeting.

MINISTER'S REPORT: Rev. Murray reported activities including member visits, hospital visits, meetings with other churches, weddings, and a funeral.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Dan Hale reported he met with the **What Now Group** (Kathe Stevens and Dan Wiest) at the end of March. He presented findings on the history and options available to UU Detroit moving into the future. The Board approved further investigation of possibilities.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Bob Lauer distributed the *Statement of Operations and Actual vs. Budget* reports for the month ending March 31, 2018 and answered questions.
- The Board reviewed the budget for the 2018/2019 fiscal year and approved it as presented with office payroll increases not to exceed \$5000 and increasing the proposed \$3000 Social Justice Committee budget by \$500.

COMMITTEE/PROGRAM REPORTS: Written reports were given:

- **Membership Committee:** Deanna McGraw and Kathe Stevens introduced themselves as the new co-chairs of the Membership Committee. They reported two new members this month, and an overall membership increase of 7% for this year.
- **Communication Committee:** Dan Secrest reported that the sermon net and G Suite cloud are working, and he met with two people who are volunteering to help with data entry. The board discussed problems with coordination of Power Church member and visitor lists and the directory.
- **The Social Justice Committee:** Nathan Strickland proposed UU Detroit support four social justice events:
BLUU Home Hospitality. The board approved supporting home hospitality for the BLUU meeting to be held in Detroit, June 14-17, 2018.

Share the Plate. The Board is favorable to donating a share-the-plate Sunday to BLUU.

Motor City Pride Parade. The Board approved the \$50 registration fee for UU Detroit. The Board approved organizing and publicizing participation in the parade on June 10.

Hotter than July LGBT Pride event. The Board approved \$150 to register UU Detroit for a table at the picnic.

Nathan Strickland will be the lead organizer on all these proposed events.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Quorum Change:** Deanna McGraw distributed the proposed change to the bylaws, that the quorum for Board meetings be lowered to four, and the Board so moved and approved it.
- **The Annual Meeting:** The Board requested Dan Hale present a PowerPoint slide show from his current outline of What's Now findings to show at the Annual Meeting on May 20.
- **Quarterly Sessions with Congregation:** Dan Hale and Rev. Murray held the first quarterly session with the congregation. It was well received and three more will be planned for the year.
- **Gift Giving:** Kathe Stevens will continue to explore ways to educate members on ways to increase gifts through wills, etc.

NEW BUSINESS: The upcoming Board Meeting schedule was presented and approved. Deanna McGraw submitted a proposal for Anti-Racism seminars funded by \$3000 included in the 2018-19 budget.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 3:10 PM.

Next Meeting (NOTE NEW DATE/TIME and LOCATION):
Sunday, May 6, 2018, in the Parlor @UU Detroit following the service

Next meetings are June 17, July 15, and August 19

May 20 is Annual Congregation Meeting