

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of Trustees**  
First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit  
Parlor, 4605 Cass, Detroit, MI 48201  
**September 16, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Governing Board of Trustees was held on September 16, 2018. Dan Hale, President; Kathe Stevens, Immediate Past President; Don Wiest, Vice President, Dan Secrest, Deanna McGraw, Martha Bogner, and Sharon Wills, Trustees-at-Large; and Nancy Shattuck, Board Secretary attended. There was a quorum.

**COVENANT:** Dan Hale, President, led the board 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."

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** It was **moved** and **seconded** to adopt the July and August 2018 Board Minutes as amended and **approved**.

**MINISTER'S REPORT:** Reverend Murray reported on meetings and visits with members.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Dan Hale has attended several meetings with EMEAC, and he reported on these, concluding that keeping communication lines open should be the main focus while remaining proactive.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- Dan Wiest distributed the Statement of Operations and Actual vs. Budget reports for the year ending August 31, 2018 and answered questions.
- 1stUU is still ahead on revenues.
- Pledges were above the budgeted \$85,000 for 2018-19, but donations to Share the Plate have gone down.

**COMMITTEE/PROGRAM REPORTS:** Written and oral reports were given for the following:

- **Membership Committee:** Deanna McGraw and Kathe Stevens discussed re-launching the Youth Committee, making it a subcommittee of the Membership Committee. Reverend Murray will help to push that and work with Martha Bogner. Kathe Stevens will post the announcement in the UU Facebook group and the Order of Service.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **Possible Education on Estate Planning.** Kathe Stevens Estate planning education. Kathe Stevens talked to two attorneys about taking up the pro bono work, but they are not interested. The UU Community Foundation is the next possibility that Kathe Stevens will look into.
- **Board Retreat.** Dan Hale, Deanna McGraw, Sharon Mills, and Kathe Stevens met to organize the meeting. The focus will be on social action. The Board will pick three things we think the community could accomplish. We will discuss and think about it at the meeting and select one area. The choice of the focus area should provide a way of branding the church as well as providing direction for the committees.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Childcare Management:** The new space is going well. Suggestions are to transfer more toys into the space with a locked cabinet, but we need to get approval from EMEAC before we do that. Dan Hale will work on getting EMEAC approval.
- **August Meeting** Martha Bogner will bring the GA newsletter list to the retreat to be used for the discussion on areas of focus.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Dan Hale adjourned the meeting at 2:22pm.

### **Next Meeting (NOTE NEW DATE/TIME and LOCATION):**

Sunday, October 21, 2018, in the Parlor @UU Detroit following the service

Next meetings are November 18 and December 16, 2018