

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of Trustees
First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit
Parlor, 4605 Cass, Detroit, MI 48201
March 17, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: Dan Hale called the regular meeting of the Governing Board of Trustees to order at 12:30 pm on March 17, 2019. Present were Reverend Stephen Butler Murray; Dan Hale, President; Kathe Stevens, Immediate Past President; Dan Wiest, Vice President; Dan Secrest, Deanna McGraw, Martha Bogner, and Sharon Mills, Trustees-at-Large; Bob Lauer, Treasurer; and Nancy Shattuck, Board Secretary. There was a quorum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of minutes for the January 17 regular board meeting, the February 10 Special Congregational Meeting, and the February 17 regular board meeting were moved, seconded and approved with amendments.

MINISTER'S REPORT: Rev. Murray reports that he is mapping out ideas with Cynthia Dawdy and the worship committee to get children involved in UU even though they aren't members. The Super Hero Justice League, complete with maps and capes, are creating a banner for the next service.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- **Boiler Issues:** Initial repair to boiler—cleaning and resetting the device—were made for \$500, and the repairman estimates \$500-\$1000 to repair pipes to make the furnace functional. To completely repair the system might cost at \$30,000.
- **Space Update/What Next:** Dan Hale proposed a new committee including himself, Kathe Stevens, Stephen Butler Murray, Dan Wiest, Dessa Cosma, and a new president. After discussion on the search for useable space in the central area or temporary housing outside the geographic area, working with EMEAC on making repairs in the present location, and finding a permanent home that will meet more of the church's needs, the board decided to go with the status quo for now through June. The church will pay for fixing the boiler. It was moved, seconded and approved to table any decisions until the next meeting. Dan Hale will initiate and convene the new What Next Committee. Sharon Mills has volunteered.
- **Youth Room/Children's Program Redesign:** Suggestions are to add one or all three of the following: Stephany Murphy, Cynthia Dawdy, or Russ Lorraine. Sally Borden, Richard Hillier, Tim Bailey, and Dan Hale would continue in the program to secure the space, fine tune the program, and eventually get to religious education.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Bob Lauer distributed the Statement of Operations and Actual vs. Budget reports as of February 28, 2019 for the year ending June 30, 2019 and answered questions.
- The year ending June 30, 2019, Bob Lauer reports a rise in pledged revenues (a surplus of \$2,000) this month, and depending on facility expenses, will break even or have a surplus at year's end.

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

- **Canvass Committee:** Dan Secrest and Kathe Stevens will kick off the Canvass Campaign on Sunday, April 7.

- **Communication Committee:** Dan Secrest reported he is meeting with Colin Wilson regarding document maintenance.
- **Nominating Committee:** The Nominating Committee reports that they are working on target.
- **Worship Committee:** Dan Secrest is working with the worship committee on communicating with congregation. He will attend the worship committee meeting on April 14. They have been working on including the children in worship, and Nancy Owen Nelson will send the revisions to procedures. Nancy Owen Nelson is stepping down as chair in June.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Young Adults Group:** Martha Bogner is gathering for open forum discussion.
- **Snow and Ice Clearance:** The board tabled this item as the season is winding down.
- **Education on Estate Planning:** This will be worked into the Canvass brochure.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Homeless Care:** The board discussed ways that we can serve the homeless community providing sanctuary and aid in emergencies. It was moved, seconded and approved that UU will start a committee. Deanna McGraw volunteered to chair a small adhoc committee and will call on Sally Borden to join her. They will update us on recommendations at the next meeting.
- **Welcoming Congregation:** Martha Bogner presented the new Welcoming Congregation program, Five Pillars. UUA has published guidance on this to make sure we are living our values every year. The Board decided to handle this initiative and coordinate it with other committees. In April, Reverend Murray will focus on the Five Pillars and charge the congregation with stepping up to make a committee. Reverend Murray will meet with Martha Bogner to set a date for the sermon and Martha will set up a table in the social hall for that day.
- **Martha's Plans:** Martha Bogner has been accepted in theological school and needs sponsorship from the UU Detroit congregation. The board moved, seconded and approved to sponsor Martha Bogner's request for sponsorship in her credentialing as a ministerial aspirant. Reverend Murray will announce it to the congregation.

OTHER BUSINESS

- **Interfaith Actions:** Kathe Stevens, Dan Hale, and Reverend Murray will meet with the representative of the mosque across the street to set up an action to connect with them and show solidarity.
- **Chalice Lighter's Grant:** Reverend Murray asked for approval to write an application for a \$5,000 Chalice Lighter's Grant. The deadline is March 31. He will write the grant and send it to the board via email for final approval.
- **Funds for Children's Room/Program:** Reverend Murray asked for reimbursement up to \$300 for supplies he has purchased for the Children's program. Reverend Murray will talk to Nancy Owen Nelson about taking the funds from the Worship Committee budget.
- **Funeral New Policy and Procedures:** Dan Secrest will draft pastoral care policy and procedures.

ADJOURNMENT: Dan Wiest adjourned the meeting at 2:30pm.

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

April 28

May 19 Annual Meeting – Meeting to pass a Motion to Adjourn the Meeting Until June 2.

June 2 – Continuation of Annual Meeting

June 16