

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

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Governing Board of Trustees was held on June 17, 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; Bob Lauer, Treasurer, Tim Bailey, Chairman of the Building & Grounds Committee, and Nancy Shattuck, Interim 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 June 2018 Board Minutes as amended and **approved**.

MINISTER'S REPORT: Rev. Murray was on vacation.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: EMEAC's board approved Dan Hale for the primary representative and Bob Lauer for a backup (or Dan Wiest if needed), and Dan Hale has attended several meetings with them.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Bob Lauer distributed the Statement of Operations and Actual vs. Budget reports for the year ending June 30, 2018 and answered questions.
- The year ending June 30, 2018, UU Detroit has exceeded the receivables by \$40 thousand and expenses were \$48 thousand.

COMMITTEE/PROGRAM REPORTS: The council approved removing the following committees from the official list: The EMEAC Liaison, Installation Committee, Planning Committee, What Next, and Young Adult Committee. **Written and oral reports were given for the following:**

- **Building & Grounds Committee:** Tim Bailey reports that EMEAC will work on restoring the ramp to the Social Hall.
- **Child Care Committee:** A new visitor has attended several Sundays, and she brings five children. The room is too small for the children and we don't have enough staff to attend the six children. The committee recommends expanding the room size and setting up a mobile play space. EMEAC has a room right off the kitchen with a big window that could be used. If we contribute carpeting and clean it, they may let us use it. We need more volunteers.
- **Communication Committee:** Dan Secrest distributed the Communication Committee report for June 2018. The committee continues to work with membership in order to synchronize and standardize email and snail mail lists. Dan will meet with Nancy Shattuck to go over posting board meeting minutes on the web site.
- **Worship Committee:** Todd Ballou is planning to hold an educational tour of the organs in the sanctuary. The members reviewed previous sermons and discussed improvements for the future

(portable microphones for wandering speakers, etc.) A water ceremony is proposed for September.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Canvass Update:** We've sent out letters, announced from the pulpit and maintain table in the coffee hours. Deanna proposed that the committee follow up with phone calls. We should do one or two more reminders and pull down the pledge table. Deanna will get a list of who is outstanding, and we are done with the drive at the end of the month.
- **EMEAC:** They have access to \$100 thousand to make repairs and enhancements to the building (it's a federal grant through the Detroit). However, they must do the work and apply for reimbursement, but don't have the cash. They've applied to IFF to front/loan money to EMEAC at low interest rate. Could the church be in that stream of repayment for the \$20 thousand. Deanna McGraw moved that UU Detroit ask EMEAC to propose a way that we could support them. The board discussed options.
- **Role of Board vis a vis Committees:** discussion was deferred.
- **Possible Education on Estate Planning.** Kathe Stevens announced the Ardith and Don Dickerson bequest approximately \$70 thousand. She is proposing that she talk to her friend who does probono work to see if she could come in and give us a presentation or workshop. Tax laws have changed and someone in the know should explain to interested members of the congregation.
- **Board Retreat.** Dan Hale, Deanna McGraw, Sharon Mills, and Kathe Stevens will meet before September meeting. Kathe Stevens volunteered to organize the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Childcare Management:** We need to look at Religious Education (RE) instead of child care. Sunday school, but that will require hiring someone to take up the leadership, as a co-chair with Reverend Murray. Kathe Stevens will follow up with Glen Maxwell and Reverend Murray.
- **August Meeting** The board plans to have a quarterly information meeting on August 19, 2018, instead of the regular meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

- **Board Orientation Meeting:** With three new members on the board, Sharon Mills has requested an orientation meeting. Kathe will lead the meeting.
- **The UU GA:** Martha Bogner was a delegate to the General Assembly and reported on the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Dan Hale adjourned the meeting at 2:33pm.

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

Sunday, August 19, 2018, in the Parlor @UU Detroit following the service

Next meetings are August 19 and September 16, 2018