

**December 8, 2010**

**Minutes – First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit**

**Board of Trustees**

*Liberate truth, Radiate kindness, and Love courageously*

**Organizing Principle:** First Unitarian Universalist Church is an urban center for spiritual renewal and social justice in Detroit.

**Call to Order:** A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in Memorial Hall on December 8, 2010. President Marilyn Mitchell called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

**Members in Attendance:** Marilyn Mitchell, David Lingholm, Kathleen Jacobs Johnson, Sally Borden, Dessa Cosma, Julie Brock, Dan Wiest, Linda Darga, Rev. Bill Neely. **Excused:** Bill McKnight, Robert Johnson. **Guests:** Sherri Wells.

**I. Consent Agenda**

**A. Officer Reports:**

1. Kathleen Jacobs Johnson, Secretary, Minutes of November 10, 2010 Meeting.  
(Attached) Motion to approve the minutes made by Marilyn, seconded by Sally.  
Minutes were approved as presented/ approved as revised.
2. David Lingholm, Treasurer's Report, (Attached).
  - a. David asked Bill for another infusion from the Trust.
    1. Decline in Sunday collections for the last two months.
    2. Little behind in building bills – trying to put people payments/aspects over that of the building.
    3. Dan suggested sending congregants quarterly pledge statements.
    4. Some 2009 pledges still not paid – **ACTION ITEM: Marilyn to send out sensitive requests for pledges to be paid.**
  - b. **ACTION ITEM: David will work with Linda Darga on Policy Manual.**
  - c. **ACTION ITEM: End of year reports need to do for taxes.**
  - d. Street retreat – around \$2,800.00 still owed. They're asking for \$400.00 now; rest can be paid later.
  - e. Trust due to run out in 2-3 years.
  - f. Has a projected budget, but won't have an accurate budget.
    1. Projected budget amount hasn't changed in 10 years.
    2. In past, we receive \$110,000-120,000 pledged; receive about \$85,000 90,000 actually paid.
    3. David estimates \$65,000 in projected budget. So far, received \$41,000 in pledges.
    4. Perhaps provide congregation a projected budget in January and a full budget in May? Pass out projected budget at smaller congregational meetings earlier in the year.
3. Canvas, Julie (Attached) – Only half the pledges turned in so far.
4. Portfolio Reports (Attached):
  - a. Beautification/Welcoming Task Force (Marilyn)
  - b. Worship Committee (Julie)

- c. Social Justice (Dessa)
- d. Coffee Hour/Membership Committee (Kathleen)

## **II. Minister's Report (Attached).**

## **III. New Business**

- A. Sherri and Yvanne workshop – David volunteered to be at church during workshops.
- B. Think of cost of utilities involved before okaying events at church.

## **IV. Old Business – Action Plan**

- A. Marilyn moved that the Board go into closed session. Julie Seconded, PASSED. Guests were excused from the meeting.

## **Adjournment: 9:30 pm**

Respectfully submitted,

*Kathleen Jacobs Johnson*, Board Secretary

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011 7:00pm Memorial Hall**

## **Attachments:**

1. Agenda for December 8th Board of Trustees Meeting
  2. Minutes: November 10th
  3. Treasurer/Financial Reports (3)
  4. Canvas Report (Julie)
  5. Beautification/Welcoming task force report (Marilyn)
  6. Worship Committee (Julie)
  7. Social Justice (Dessa)
  8. Coffee Hour/Membership Committee Report (Kathleen)
  9. Minister's Report (3)
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