

**MINUTES**  
**Meeting of the Board of Trustees**  
**First Unitarian Universalist Church**  
**May 8, 2013**

*Liberate Truth ⊕ Radiate Kindness ⊕ Love Courageously*

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Members read the covenant: “We covenant to work together in honesty, kindness and respect for each other as we carry out our elected responsibilities to do the business of this church to the best of our abilities. We are a religious community. Let us move forward in love.”

Rev. Mohr made opening remarks and said there was not much change from last month. There is the same end-of-year anxiety but nothing to be concerned about.

Marsha Bruhn moved to approve the April meeting minutes, seconded and approved.

Sally said EMEAC wants to re-name McCollester Hall, Pullman Hall. After discussion, the consensus was to allow them to do it.

Sally presented the agenda for the Annual Meeting and explained the usual procedure. There was a discussion of the proposed By-Laws change of the 1-year and 2-year at large positions. Sally will suggest to the nominating committee that the 1-year candidates will be Matt Friedrichs and Cynthia Zurschmiede and the candidate for the 2-year position will be Joan Smykowski. Sean McAde is completing the second year of a 2-year position.

Sally has drafted an organizational structure and will revise it and add it to the Annual Report.

EMEAC has asked to address the Board about its need to own the parking lot. Sally believes this request should be granted and the Board approved. Dan Wiest asked for direction in parking lot repairs. He will get a quote from the person who repaired the lot twice previously. Marilyn will email the parking lot diagram to all Board members for discussion about parking lot alternatives at the June Board meeting.

Marsha Bruhn and Sally will attend the EMEAC fundraiser for the window repairs on Friday, May 10.

Sally presented the organ repair contract for approval. Dan Wiest moved that the Board appropriate funds to repair the organ as presented in the contract, seconded and approved.

Sally announced that the choir intends to present Todd Ballou with a proclamation of appreciation on May 19.

Dan Wiest presented the draft budget for discussion and adjustments were suggested. There was also a discussion of the profit and loss statement for April, 2013, and Dan answered questions.

Sally suggested that a finance task force be formed to look at the over-all financial picture, and a finance committee should be formed to assist the treasurer.

Sally volunteered to call members to request pledges. She is also willing to line up food donations for the social hour.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathe Stevens, Governing Board Secretary