

**MINUTES**  
**Meeting of the Board of Trustees**  
**First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit**  
**March 19, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER:** A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on March 19, 2014. Present were President, Marsha Bruhn; Vice President, Danny Rebb; Immediate Past President, Sally Borden; Secretary, Kathe Stevens; Treasurer, Dan Wiest; Trustees-at-Large, Matt Friedrichs, Sean McAde and Joan Smykowski; and guest, Tim Bailey. President Bruhn called the meeting to order at 5:32 P.M. There was a quorum.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Minutes of the previous meeting having been distributed and reviewed, *it was moved by Kathe Stevens, seconded by Joan Smykowski, to approve the minutes from the February 12, 2014 meeting as presented; approved.*

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Dan Wiest presented and reviewed his financial report and financial statements for February 2014. The first \$225 check for lease of 10 spaces in the Prentis parking lot was received from Motor City Brewing. The check received from the Estate of Helga Herz was a final settlement; it will be deposited into the general fund because it was not designated otherwise. The T.C. Latham Burial Funds continue to be segregated. The \$6,300 obtained from the church trust will be applied towards Rev. Mohr's retirement fund based on the Unitarian Universalist Association's confirmation that partial payments may be made. Dan will obtain a full accounting of Choir Festival expenses from Music Director Todd Ballou to determine the exact amount owed to EMEAC for building rental. *It was moved by Kathe Stevens, seconded by Joan Smykowski, to approve the financial statements as presented; approved.*

**COMMITTEE/PROGRAM REPORTS:**

**Worship** – Danny Rebb's written report was accepted as presented.

**Development** – Kathe Stevens' written report was accepted as presented.

**Buildings & Grounds** – Tim Bailey advised that there is nothing to report.

**Outreach** – Joel Batterman's written report was accepted as presented.

**Membership** – Joan Smykowski's written report was accepted as presented.

**Nominating** – Sally Borden reported that the committee has met and is proceeding with its business.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Committee Budgets** – Dan Wiest has received only three budget requests from committees. He will push to get the rest, especially from the Worship Committee.

**AT&T Upgrade to U-verse** – the consensus of the board is that there is no downside to switching to U-verse if there are no substantially higher costs. Kathe Stevens volunteered Glenn Maxwell to do the research and work with Tamara to effect the update.

**2014 Recognitions** – a subcommittee of Joan Smykowski, Sally Borden and Kathe Stevens will consider congregants to recognize for their outstanding contributions to 1<sup>st</sup> UU.

**By-Law Revisions** – Kathe Stevens explained the three requirements for membership as contained in the current by-laws: sign the membership book, complete a pledge form, and make a contribution of record. There were no objections to changing the language to read that once the membership book is signed, membership is conferred if one then completes a pledge form or makes a contribution of record, rather than require both. Kathe will create a draft of the proposed change and submit it as a newsletter article and the by-laws revision will be placed on the agenda for a vote of the congregation at the annual meeting in May.

**Spring Clean-Up** – At a recent Commons, meeting EMEAC thanked 1<sup>st</sup> UU for its past organization of the Spring Clean-Up. Kathe Stevens volunteered 1<sup>st</sup> UU to again take the lead. Dan Wiest and Tim Bailey will contact EMEAC to agree on a date and organize.

**Commons Google Group** – the Commons has created a Google Group to keep Commons members updated. Rev. Mohr and Marsha Bruhn requested that they be added. Kathe will write an article for the 1<sup>st</sup> UU newsletter and add Rev. Mohr and Marsha to the group.

**Meeting Location** – Kathe Stevens has reserved the Whole Foods Community Room for board meetings on April 9, May 14, June 11, July 9, and August 13 from 7pm to 9pm.

**General Assembly** – Marsha Bruhn presented information about 2014 General Assembly. Sally Borden reported that the Nominating Committee is seeking candidates for delegates from those who usually attend GA. Kathe Stevens advised that delegates could participate off-site via the Internet; she will find out if a delegate must be registered to participate and vote off-site.

**EMEAC** – Diana Copeland, EMEAC's Director, has requested that 1<sup>st</sup> UU complete an agreement for the Prentis parking lot. Marsha Bruhn distributed a draft for discussion. Marsha will revise the draft agreement and send it to the board for review. Marsha and the Transition Task Force will arrange to meet with Diana, using the draft as talking points. We have not yet paid EMEAC building rental fees for Noel Night or Choirfest; it was agreed to make that a priority.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 7:03pm.

**Respectfully submitted,**

Kathe Stevens, Secretary