

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of Trustees
First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit
Whole Foods Community Room, 115 Mack Ave. at John R, Detroit, MI 48201
July 13, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on June 13, 2016. Present were Kathe Stevens, President; Dan Wiest, Vice President; Danny Rebb, Secretary; Robert Lauer, Treasurer; Immediate Past President Marsha Bruhn; Dan Hale, and Dave Vaillencourt, Trustees; Glenn Maxwell and Joan Smykowski, guests. Trustees Sydney Schaaf and Nathan Strickland, Jr. were excused. President Kathe Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. There was a quorum of the Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the previous meeting were distributed and reviewed. It was **moved** by Danny Rebb, seconded by Dave Vaillencourt, to accept the minutes from the June 8, 2016 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees as presented; **approved**.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Kathe Stevens summarized her written report and answered questions.

TREASURER: It was moved by Dan Wiest, seconded by Marsha Bruhn to appoint Robert Lauer to the position of Treasurer of the UU Detroit Governing Board for the term of the 2016 – 17 fiscal year; approved. Robert Lauer reviewed *Operating Budget FYE 06/30/2016*, and answered questions. The Finance Committee will follow up with Motor City Brewery and Cass Café regarding the difference between the amount they have paid for use of the Prentis parking lot compared to the amount owed each month since November 2015. UU Detroit will pay off the balance owed to the City of Detroit for back Income Tax withholding soon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building and Grounds Committee – Kathe Stevens advised that the Ad Hoc Accessibility Team for the sanctuary, consisting of Glenn Maxwell and Tim Bailey, met with a designer and are preparing a summary report to submit to the Board prior to its July 2016 meeting.

Canvass Committee – Committee Co-Chair Marsha Bruhn advised that the UU Detroit canvass for fiscal year 2016 – 17 is now closed.

Care Committee – no report.

Centennial Committee – no report.

Child Care – Committee Chair Sally Borden submitted a written report.

Communications Committee – Committee Chair Dan Secrest submitted a written report.

EMEAC Liaison – no report.

Finance Committee – Committee member Dan Wiest advised that Sharlene Gage followed up with TIAA and requested the exact amount of forgone earnings we owe to Reverend Mohr's pension account. We will receive the amount from them within thirty days. Dan further advised that he will work with Glenn Maxwell to migrate congregant contribution statement information into Google Docs.

Membership Committee – Committee Chair Joan Smykowski advised that UU Detroit currently has 108 members. Joan also advised the importance of practicing radical hospitality by reaching out to our guests during Social Hour and establishing relationships with them.

Planning Committee – Committee Chair Deanna McGraw submitted a written report as well as a copy of the 2016 Strategic Plan’s second quarterly progress report.

Settled Minister Search Committee – Committee Chair Deanna McGraw submitted a written report.

Social Justice Committee – Kathe Stevens advised that she along with UU Detroit members Joel Batterman, Marsha Bruhn, Linda Darga, and Glenn Maxwell represented our church at a ground breaking ceremony for improvements to be made to the Viola Liuzzo Park. Viola Liuzzo’s Grandson spoke at the event and he remarked that his Grandmother was a dedicated member of the Unitarian Church. Kathe also advised that she will reach out to Julie Hamilton, from the neighborhood association spearheading the park’s revitalization, to inquire if UU Detroit may assist in any way.

Worship Committee – Committee member Sally Borden submitted a written report.

Young Adults – no report.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no Old Business transacted at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval of Music Director Annual Contract – A draft copy of the contract was distributed to members of the Governing Board prior to this meeting for review. The proposed contract is a 12 month extension of the current contract. After discussion, it was **moved** by Dan Wiest, seconded by Dan Hale, to direct President Kathe Stevens to sign the draft Music Director Annual Contract as submitted; **approved**.

Appointment of Settled Minister Search Committee Members – President Kathe Stevens advised that the Settled Minister Search Committee submitted a list of two members’ names for consideration to be appointed to their committee by the Governing Board. It was **moved** by Danny Rebb, seconded by Marsha Bruhn, to appoint Chloe Lundine and Nathan Strickland, Jr to the Settled Minister Search Committee; **approved**.

Zaman International Essential Needs Boxes – Joan Smykowski submitted a written request to the Governing Board that UU Detroit donate the cost of some Essential Needs boxes for refugees to Zaman International. Board consensus was that UU Detroit’s Share the Plate Policy would apply and that Joan should refer this matter to the Social Justice Committee.

Sanctuary Accessibility / Railings Ad Hoc Committee – Committee member Glenn Maxwell submitted a written report. After discussion, it was **moved** by Marsha Bruhn, seconded by Dave Vaillencourt, to approve the design and funding requests for two railings to be constructed as submitted, pending approval from EMEAC; **approved**.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:57 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Danny Rebb, Governing Board Secretary

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is at 7:00 P.M. on August 10, 2016 at the Whole Foods Community Room.