

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
March 9th, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on March 9, 2017. Present were Kathe Stevens, President; Dan Wiest, Vice President; Marsha Bruhn, Immediate Past President; Danny Rebb, Secretary; Robert Lauer, Treasurer; Dan Hale, Sydney Schaaf, Nathan Strickland, Jr, and Dave Vaillencourt, Trustees-at-Large; Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Interim Minister; Daniel Secrest, guest. President Kathe Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. There was a quorum of the Board.

G Suite Presentation: Dan Secrest presented the functionality of G Suite (formerly known as Google Apps) to the Governing Board towards the possible goal of the eventual creation of an online UU Detroit membership directory. Board consensus was Glenn Maxwell, Danny Rebb, Dan Secrest, and Sydney Schaaf will serve on an ad hoc committee to further examine this issue.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the previous meeting were distributed and reviewed. It was **moved** by Marsha Bruhn, seconded by Dan Hale, to accept the minutes from the February 9, 2017 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees as submitted; **approved**.

MINISTER'S REPORT: Rev. Murray advised that the sweetest sound he has ever heard in his life was the congregation's gasp when it was announced that he is the candidate for the position of UU Detroit's Settled Minister. He further advised that he is incredibly honored and delighted to work with our church, hopefully not just for one to three years, but for the foreseeable future, should he be hired as our Settled Minister. Additionally, he advised that the focus of his ministry would change and would no longer be about serving us in a time of ministerial transition but about how we would be able to grow together.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Kathe Stevens summarized her written report, answered questions, and advised that the 2017 Canvass will kick off on Sunday, April 9th. Reverend Murray will speak on an inspiring topic that day and Joan Smykowski has volunteered to chair the canvass this year.

TREASURER: Bob Lauer reviewed *Statement of Operations for the month ending 2/28/2017*, and answered questions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

There were no reports from: Building and Grounds, Canvass, Care, Planning, Settled Minister Search, Social Justice Committees, Share the Plate ad hoc Committee, EMEAC Liaison, or Young Adults Program.

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

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

Finance Committee – Bob Lauer presented the working budget to be included in the 2017-2018 canvass brochure to the Board for review and answered questions. He advised that the

annual budget workshop for members of the Board and Finance Committee will be held on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. at 1300 Lafayette in Detroit.

After discussion, it was **moved** by, Dan Hale, seconded by Sydney Schaaf, to advance the sum of \$8,000 to Reverend Murray with a backup promissory note; **approved**. The advance is contingent upon the congregation's vote to call Rev. Murray as our Settled Minister at the March 26th 2017 Special Congregational Meeting. The amount is to be repaid within nine months of the beginning of his settled ministry at UU Detroit.

Nominating Committee – Committee Convener Marsha Bruhn submitted a written report.

Membership Committee – Committee Chair Dessa Cosma submitted a written report.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Migration of Website – Sydney Schaaf advised that the migration of UU Detroit's website is complete. Maintenance procedures for www.uudetroit.org remain to be established. Our new URL is currently non-searchable via Google. Searching on Unitarian Universalist Detroit still points users to our old website's address at www.1stuu.org. This issue also remains to be addressed.

Child Care Proposal – After discussion, it was **moved** by, Marsha Bruhn, seconded by Nathan Strickland Jr., to increase the rate of compensation on the currently unfilled child care worker position from \$12.50 to \$15.00 per hour; **approved**.

NEW BUSINESS:

Social Hour Coordinator – Humphrey Blakemore, UU Detroit's current Social Hour Coordinator has given notice that he will be leaving the position. After discussion, it was **moved** by Marsha Bruhn, seconded by Dan Wiest, to advertise the open Social Hour Coordinator position; **approved**. Omar Davis, a previous UU Detroit Social Hour Coordinator, will temporarily work for UU Detroit temporarily until a permanent employee is hired to fill this position.

Monthly Contribution to EMEAC- After discussion, Board consensus was that this agenda item be tabled and that UU Detroit will help EMEAC with its fundraising activities as needed.

Directory – Board consensus was that that agenda item be tabled until a report is received from the ad hoc Online Directory Committee that was formed after the G Suite discussion at the beginning of this meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no additional other business transacted at this meeting of UU Detroit's Governing Board.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Danny Rebb, Governing Board Secretary

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, April 13, 2017 at the Whole Foods Community Room.