

First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit
Board of Trustees Meeting
February 13, 2006
6:40 pm

Board Members present: Jim Harvey, Dan Wiest, Colleen Dolan-Greene, Alicia Biggers, Linda Darga, Lencha Acker, Mary Lou Malone, Carolyn Ludwig, Irene Schultz, Jim Brown, Jacquelyn McNaughton, Donna Walker, Rev. Diana Heath.

Special Session for Interim Ministry Evaluation

Board Members, Ministerial Search Committee Members and Reverend Diana Heath conducted a mid-year written evaluation by commenting on a list of 13 questions. The final evaluation to be sent to the U.U.A. Special Session ended at 8:33 pm.

Regular Board Meeting

Review of Agenda

3. Approval of January meeting minutes postponed until March meeting.
9. Women's Cultural Center Reconvening deleted. Janet Thompson not present.

4a Vice-Moderator's Report

Dan Wiest submitted January, 2006 Balance Sheet and Income and Expense Statement documents which were briefly discussed.

4b Heartland and UUA Dues.

The board authorized the payment of both the Heartland and UUA Dues at the rate of 25% of full rate. Lencha Acker so moved, Colleen Dolan Greene seconded motion. Motion passed.

5. Minister's Report.

Reverend Heath requested the Board consider increasing Wendy's hours by one hour per day since a large volume of calls come in between 12 noon and 1pm.

6. Moderator's Report

The Board discussed the written February Moderator's Report submitted by Jim Harvey. Considerable discussion took place on the Safe Congregation Policy. It was determined by the Board that the Moderator should deal with the issues around the Policy and its enforcement. As part of the discussion it was re-established that the Religious Ed Director works under the directive of the Minister.

The Moderator discussed Pat Kniel's interest in developing a Caring Network. Reverend Diana Heath stated that a Caring Committee belongs with the Minister, under the Minister's section.

7. Holy Conversations

Colleen Greene stated that 22 people volunteered for the Future Facilities Committee and 9 people for the Covenant Framing Group. Committee/Group members will be selected from the lists. Drafts of the Charge to each committee will be prepared by board members Greene and Acker. Draft Charges will be ready for next meeting.

8. Canvass Committee.

Mary Lou Malone stated that everything was going well, but more Canvass Captains were needed. Board members were informed that they are expected to play a role in the canvass. Also financial contributions were solicited for the Canvass expenses.

Mary Lou stated that no money is allocated in the budget for the Canvass and Approximately \$1,000 is needed.

10. Newsletter Submissions

Trustee Irene Schultz submitted written commentary on newsletter policies and procedures. Discussion postponed due to time limitations.

11. By-law Revision Committee.

Mary Lou went over proposed By-Law revisions stating that goals were to simplify, streamline, remove outdated or obsolete items, and remove items which should be a part of Policies and Procedures. By-law changes should go to vote in March, 2006. The Nominating Committee will nominate according to the proposed by-law changes and corrected if By-law change is not adopted.

12. Old Business

None.

13. New Business

Director of Religious Education – Written February report submitted but no discussion.

14. Adjournment

Irene Schultz moved to adjourn at 10:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Donna J. Walker
Board Secretary