

First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit
July, 2006 Board of Trustees meeting
July 10, 2006

Present: Linda Darga, Jim Harvey, Mary Lou Malone, Sally Borden, Lencha Acker, Jim Brown, Dan Wiest, Irene Schultz, Alicia Biggers, Earl Harvey, Donna Walker

Guests: Charlene Evans, Mary Catherine O'Neal, Dan Kosmowski, Benita Mullins, Jon Schultz, Sharlene Gage, Colleen Dolan-Greene, Margaret Wilke, Glen Maxwell, Andee Seeger

Meeting was called to order by Moderator Linda Darga at 6:36 pm.

2. Agenda approved as modified

3. Approval of June, 2006 Board meeting minutes. Approved as submitted.

4. Future Facilities taskforce (FFTF) Report

The report included steps to sell the building, the issue of Historic Building Status, hiring a realtor, plan to have a bottom line price not to go below (a DROP DEAD #) and need for congregational meeting to gain approval to sell property.

Earl Harvey moved, and Lencha Acker seconded that a Congregational meeting be called as soon as possible to approve changing the title of the Church House, Social Hall and potentially the Prentis Street parking lot subject to approval by the Board of Trustees of the details of the purchase agreement.

Motion passed.

The board established the procedures for proper notification of Congregation about meeting, which the Board determined will take place on August 20, 2006.

Earl Harvey submitted written procedures for signing new members. (See attached). Earl Harvey moved and Irene Schultz seconded to adopt new member procedure document.

Motion passed.

Notification of August 20 meeting will include a special mailing, via e-mail or US mail.

James Harvey moved and Irene Schultz seconded that the Future Facilities Taskforce be commended for its comprehensive and insightful commitment in evaluating how to proceed in re-aligning our facilities. Motion passed.

5. R.E. Committee Report

Margaret Wilke discussed the dismissal of the D.R.E., and three members of the Second Story Church, Douglas and Andrew Evans and Diana O'Neal shared their views

and feelings about the dismissal.

Margaret requested a Congregational Survey be taken on the Religious Ed program at 1st UU. She requested that Room 211 be vacated (the Schumaker library) to establish an R.E. library. She also discussed the need to obtain background check for interim R.E. director, Athena Kolbe.

5. R.E. Committee Report (continued)

Alicia Biggers stated that she is frustrated she will be the “fall-guy” for misinformation given to Second Story Church members about Jennifer’s dismissal. Alicia stated that she did step up and attempt to deal with the situation, and expects that in the future all Board Members will take responsibility as adults in when such events occur.

6. Treasurers Report

Dan Wiest reviewed and discussed the June , 2006 Income and Expense Report.

7. Interim Ministerial Search Committee

Mary Lou Malone discussed the unlikelihood of an Interim Minister for 2006-07.

She discussed the need to brainstorm on coordinating the day-to-day operation of the Church, i.e. how to do the work. She also discussed the need to turn in IRS document 1099 for Honorariums and the need to update the Guest Speaker Form. Also discussed was staff supervision, the need for moderator to create list prioritizing needs, policy procedures, forms, by-laws, etc.

Several persons volunteered to perform tasks to assure proper Church operation. Sally Borden (membership), Earl Harvey and Dan Kosmowski (Bldg) Dan Wiest (finances) Colleen dolan Greene (bldg administration) Irene Schultz (R.E.).also, Alicia Biggers will create assignment chart followed by a Planning Session.

8. Irene Schultz: Larry Hutchison’s Visit

Irene requested a special service be dedicated to Minister Emeritus Hutchison on Sunday, September 24. Irene will coordinate the coffee hour following service.

9. Lisa Presley visit to the Board

Linda Darga to contact Lisa Presley to invite her to speak to the Board, perhaps the August Board meeting. Conflict resolution will be one of the issues discussed.

10. Diana’s Party

Jim Harvey shared information on Farewell party for Diana Heath on July 23.

Jim Harvey moved and Jim Brown seconded that 1st UU donate \$250.00 from the treasury for the event. Motion passed.

11. Church Security

Dan Kosmowski commented that security procedures were going well.

12. August Board Meeting Yes. There will be a meeting.

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13. New Business

Earl Harvey moved to add to budget a line item of \$200.00 for Congregational Meetings. Motion passed. Dan to put line item in Office and Administration section.

The 5 Nominating Committee members were identified as: Nora Holt, Alma King Carolyn Ludwig, Neil Hunt and Mary Lou Malone.

Jackie McNaughton informed the Board that she is resigning from the Board, effective immediately.

14. Building Use

Mary Lou Malone reported that M.O.S.E.S. asked to hold their Moses Care Team Meeting here on July 20, 2006. Mary Lou moved and Irene seconded to grant approval for meeting. Motion passed.

Bioneers Conference Coordinators wish to use 1st UU facilities for luncheons on Oct 21 and 22.

They will be charged same amount as last year. Mary Lou moved and Irene seconded to approve terms of contract with Bioneers committee for said use. Motion passed.

15. Adjournment

At 9:34 pm Irene Schultz moved to adjourn. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted.

Donna Walker
Board Secretary