

First Unitarian Universalist Church
of Detroit, Michigan
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2006

Present: Linda Darga, Jim Harvey, Mary Lou Malone, Lencha Acker, Earl Harvey,
Jim Brown, Irene Schultz, Charlene Evans, Dan Wiest, Alicia Biggers, Donna Walker
Guests: Dan Kosmowski, Colleen Dolan Greene, Margaret Wilke, Len Zetel, John Schultz,
Glen Maxwell, Dan Secrest, Lisa Presley

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Linda Darga at 6:37 pm

1. Agenda

Agenda approved as modified.

2. August Board Meeting Minutes

Approved as written.

3. Treasurer's Report

Dan Wiest submitted the August, 2006 Balance Sheet and the Income Statement.

Dan reported on the two statements, and discussed various items listed.

He had met with former treasurer, Bob Lauer, to clarify some matters.

Dan is canceling the Security Deposit check written for Diana Heath's apartment for it was never cashed. Dan had a question about Medical Liability Insurance listed under Accounts Receivable. No one was able to provide information on this fund. Need to eliminate?

Lisa Presley recommended leaving it in balance sheet for now.

Lisa Presley, Interim District Executive Director of the Heartland District, stated she will be mediating the paying of funds owed (or not owed) to Reverend Heath.

Dan Wiest discussed other items, such as the Canvass Fund going to the General Fund, and the Minister's Discretionary Fund, a Christmas fund established by Rev. David Parks.

Ear Harvey moved to keep the Minister's Discretionary Fund. Lencha Acker seconded.

Motion passed.

4. Worship Committee Report

Worship services have been planned through November 5th, except that October 29 is vacant. Lencha requested help with the Worship Committee.

5. R.E. Committee Report

Interim R.E. director, Athena Kolbe's car was towed from Church parking lot. It had Massachusetts's license plates. Helen True's vehicle was also towed during rummage sale.

Irene Schultz moved that if a vehicle is towed by mistake the Church will reimburse costs. Jim Harvey seconded. Motion passed.

Margaret Wilke of the R.E. Committee suggested that the allocation to the R.E. Director be raised by \$5,000 since there is no minister. The search for a permanent R.E. Director continues.

6. Social Justice Committee Report

Alicia Biggers reported that the Michigan UU Social Justice Network is staging a Social Justice rally in support of Affirmative Action.

Linda Darga reported that the U.U.A now offers employee health insurance for persons working 1000+ hours per year. Treasurer, Dan Wiest will explore insurance coverage for Joe.

7. Old Business

Computer Committee Report: Dan Secrest submitted written report. The R.E. Director is having a computer hooked up along with 18" monitor that Charlene Gage donated.

Len Zetel expressed need for 3 officers: Webmaster, List-Serve manager, and Computer Manager. The Board recommended that his recommendation be put in writing for next meeting and newsletter.

7. Old Business (continued)

Reverend Emeritus Larry Hutchison will be in the pulpit as planned for the October service.

8. New Business

Cindy Hill has the tapes of the previous Sunday Service and wishes to turn them over to the Church. Earl Harvey suggested turning over the tapes to the Archive Committee. Also, it was mentioned that the Detroit Public Library offers a complimentary Archival Service for Non-profit organizations. Len Zetel volunteered to do the actual transferring to disk.

9. Newsletter Support/ Back-Up

Irene Schultz stated the design for the Electronic Format for the Church newsletter will be converted to PDF format. The official E-Mail format of the Church newsletter will not begin until the middle of October, 2006.

10. Building and Grounds Committee

Earl Harvey moved that a member for the Board of Review be identified by the Moderator, for approval by the Board, to take the place of Carter Stevenson for the time remaining. Dan Wiest seconded. Motion passed

11. Executive Session

Mary Lou Malone moved that the Board go into Executive Session for the purpose of the discussion of sensitive personnel matters with Lisa Presley of the Heartland District. The Executive Session ended at 10:07 pm.

Following the Executive Session Alicia Biggers moved and Earl Harvey seconded that a cover letter be written regarding Congregational Feedback to be sent by the 1st UU board to the U.U.A. and the Heartland District. Motion passed.

Alicia Biggers and Dan Wiest will compose the approved cover letter.

12. Adjournment

At 10:12 pm Irene Schultz moved to adjourn. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Board Secretary

Donna Walker