

First Unitarian Universalist Church of Detroit
March Board of Trustees Meeting
March 12, 2007

Present: Linda Darga, Jim Harvey, Sally Borden, Dan Wiest, Rev. Drew Johnston,
Alicia Biggers, Lencha Acker, Donna Walker
Guests: Earl Harvey

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

2. Review and Approve Agenda

Sally moved and Lencha seconded that the agenda be approved as modified. Motion passed.

3. Approval of Minutes from January Board meeting

Jim Harvey moved, and Lencha Acker seconded to accept February, 2007 the Board Meeting minutes. Motion passed.

4. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Dan Wiest reviewed the February , 2007 Income Statement, pointing out that the Church's contributions to UUA Annual Fund and to the Heartland District Fund were paid, and that the the Church's comprehensive insurance payment was made.

He stated that for February the expenses were \$12,000 higher than income.

He stated that budget requests from Committees need to be itemized.

Alicia Biggers moved and Jim Harvey seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. Passed.

5. Reverend Drew Johnston's Report

Reverend Drew gave the Board a preview of the outcome of the Appreciative Inquiry Interviews. He stated that communication is at the core of a community. He said that there is a need to improve communication of the whole congregation. To do this, the Board needs to engage in comprehensive planning and to establish a Comprehensive Planning Taskforce.

Reverend Drew also recommended that the Ministerial Search Committee use the program, Beyond Categorical Thinking to aid them in their search for a minister. He also recommended that the Board provide assistance to the Search Committee.

Dan Wiest moved and Sally Borden seconded that a letter be sent to the Ministerial Search Committee strongly endorsing the program Beyond Categorical Thinking, and stating the belief that the Search Committee should manage it with the help of the Board. Motion passed.

Alicai Biggers moved that a taskforce be created with the charge of optimizing Congregation Communication. Lencha Acker seconded. Motion passed.

6. Budget Development Process

Treasurer Dan Wiest stated plans for developing the new budget. Budget plans are needed from committees and groups. The Board budget meeting will be April 9, 2007 The Budget hearing is scheduled for April 22, 2007.

7. Building Security and update

A written report was submitted by the Building Use Task Group. Rev. Drew reminded Board of previous discussion on accountability. He re-stated that those who we hire/elect are the ones that need to be in charge.

Sally Borden moved that facility keys and alarm codes are to be controlled by designated staff. Lencha Acker seconded. Motion passed.

8. Committee Reports

A. Social Justice Committee report

Alicia Biggers submitted written report. A Standing Committee still needs to be established. A M.O.S.E.S. strategic planning session is scheduled for March 15, 2007.

B. Buildings and Grounds

Earl Harvey gave a brief report.

C. Worship Committee

Earl Harvey informed Board about the Easter Breakfast being offered by the Men's Group.

Lencha moved to accept with gratitude the offer by the Men's Group to serve Easter Breakfast. Dan Wiest seconded. Motion passed.

9. Report from Canvass Chair

Alicia Biggers submitted written report.

Alicia moved that Janet Thompson be reimbursed \$390 for the Lead Givers Dinner.

Jim Harvey seconded. Motion passed.

10. Implementation of new Constitution and By-Laws.

A. Policy and Procedure Manual

Sally discussed the status of the Policy and Procedure Manual. The Worship Committee has submitted their policy and procedure report.

B. Memorial Fund Committee

Linda Darga and Dan Wiest are pro tem members of the committee. Janice Berry has agreed to chair the committee and will ask others to serve.

11. Advertising our Church.

The Monitor, the South End, and Between the Lines were newspapers suggested as possibilities for advertising. Dan Wiest suggested WDET pledge drive as good way to publicize Church.

The decision was made to collect information/data on publicizing/advertising in papers.

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Donna Walker
Board Secretary