



**Minutes of the
First Unitarian Universalist Church of Detroit
Board of Trustees**

Call to Order:

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in Memorial Hall on November 4, 2007. The meeting was called to order at 10:10 am by President Alicia Biggers.

Members in attendance:

Alicia Biggers, Glenn Maxwell, Lencha Acker, Sally Borden, Trey Greene, Rev. Drew Johnston, Linda Darga, and Dan Wiest.

Members not in attendance: David Lingholm.

Special agenda:

Alicia Biggers introduced the issue of the loss of operation of the furnace for the McAdow House floor one.

New business:

- The furnace was found to not be operational last week, November 1 or 2, 2007. The furnace is 15 years old. Maintenance has been spotty. There is a budget item for maintenance of the furnace but not for depreciation.
- There has been an expert out to investigating the furnace. It has been determined that the cost of repair would exceed the cost of replacement.
- We have gotten estimates from Superior Flame.
- As members of Michigan Interfaith Power and Light we can get a 25% discount on service from Johnson Controls. We will obtain a quote from them.
- One other quote will be obtained.
- Recommendations are requested.
- The congregation is interested in working to reduce our carbon footprint and consider green environmentally friendly changes wherever and whenever possible.
- Normally capital campaigns go over three to five years and are for collecting large funds as in the millions of dollars. This expense is not of that magnitude.
- Our church is moving towards an attitude of abundance.
- The Trust Committee has been contacted and is agreeable to provide a bridge loan to start the installation as soon as a decision is made.
- With these points in mind a campaign titled "Heart Warming – Smart Warming" has been recommended and motion has been made.

Motion: Trey Greene moved that we obtain three quotes and pick the best option for the church, request the Trust Committee to provide a bridge loan so we can start the work quickly and the board will commence a special collection for four weeks with special envelopes to cover the cost of the new heating system. Also, if there is extra money from the collection they will go exclusively to improve the insulation thus reducing further our carbon foot print and heating expenses.

This motion **passed**.

The board members all agreed, including David Lingholm by phone, that they would each contribute to this special collection.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.

Glenn Maxwell, Acting Secretary
Board of Trustees

November 14, 2007
Date of Approval w/Corrections

Attachments:

None