

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of Trustees
First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit
Parlor, 4605 Cass, Detroit, MI 48201
October 21, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Governing Board of Trustees was held on October 21, 2018. Dan Hale, President; Kathe Stevens, Immediate Past President; Don Wiest, Vice President, Reverend Stephen Butler-Murray, Minister, Dan Secrest, Deanna McGraw, and Martha Bogner and Sharon Mills, Trustees-at-Large; Bob Lauer, Treasurer, and Nancy Shattuck, Interim Board Secretary attended. There was a quorum.

COVENANT: Dan Hale, President, led the board in the reading of the following covenant: "We covenant to work together in honesty, kindness, and respect for each other as we carry out the business of this church. We are a religious community. Let us move forward in love."

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: It was **moved** and **seconded approved** to adopt the September 2018 Board Minutes with amendment of words "youth" to "young adult" and to add "up to" with regard to amount \$10,000, and the October 13 Special Meeting Board Minutes as submitted by Kathe Stevens.

MINISTER'S REPORT: Reverend Murray reported many hospital visits and answered questions about regional meetings and reasons the attendance has been dropping off and involvement diminishing.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Dan Hale thanked Deanna McGraw and Sharon Mills for moving him in a different direction and commented on good feedback from congregation.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Bob Lauer distributed the Statement of Operations and Actual vs. Budget reports for the year ending June 30, 2018 and answered questions.

COMMITTEE/PROGRAM REPORTS: Written and oral reports were given for the following committees:

- **Care Committee:** A report and request for \$50.00 to pay for cards was discussed. A motion was put forward to approve the \$50 and add another \$50.00 for stamps and increase the budget. It was so moved, seconded, and passed.
- **Child Care Committee:** A report and request for \$500.00 to pay for child care staffing was discussed. The current budget is not enough to cover \$15 an hour rate. Bob Lauer will talk to the proposed new employee. The board moved, seconded and approved raising the budget from \$300 to \$800.
- **Communication Committee:** Dan Secrest submitted a report. He has developed instructions for what he does. He will meet with Nancy Shattuck for putting birthdays on google.
- **Membership Committee:** Kathe Stevens reported that the committee plans to have a breakfast for fourteen new members. They have created a new brochure for visitors and discussed the changes.
- **Worship Committee:** The committee submitted a written report of minutes from their last meeting.

- **Social Justice Committee.** Martha Bogner gave an oral report. He is putting up a new web page before the end of the year and will put in a calendar. He has promised to show us a sample at the next meeting for review.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Leadership Retreat Results: Next Steps:** The board needs to have someone from worship and social justice committees to work on the subgroups of the primary focus area. With Nathan Strickland being ill, we need a temporary substitute for the Social Justice Committee. Dan Wiest will convene the next meeting next Sunday and have a conversation about it with members. They will discuss the new initiative for the immigration focus. They will pick a representative. The Worship Committee and the Board should also send representatives. The board discussed finding a time and place for conversation, possible members, and future liaisons, such as ACCESS and Freedom House. It will decide on a date to meet at the November meeting.
- **Renew What Next Initiative:** This group has been dormant for three months. A subcommittee was appointed to a feasibility study who have narrowed the study to 1) continued as now; 2) inhabit the sanctuary; 3) lease space elsewhere; and 4) buy space elsewhere. They will weigh the pros and cons for these four options considering aspirations such as the organ, security, and so forth. Action will continue, with Dan Wiest, Bob Lauder, Sharon Mills, Dessa Cosmo, Dan Hale, Martha Bogner (if), Danny Rebb.
- **Possible Education on Estate Planning.** Kathe Stevens has not been able to find a probono lawyer to take on this task. After discussion the board agreed that we need to pursue it. Kathe will continue.
- **Update on Williams' Estate:** Kathe Stevens talked to Dan Kosnowski and he sent her a list of attorneys, and she is calling them. The board discussed whether spending the \$10,000 on legal aid will be worthwhile in the end. No further board action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Nominations for Next Election Cycle:** Vacancies to be filled are Deanna McGraw, Sharon Mills, and Dan Secrest, the President and Vice President. Marsha Bruhn is chair of the nominating committee and the board needs to come up with names for nominating committee. The GA convention in Spokane, WA will also need delegate selection. After discussion the board decided to send an email to the Nominating Committee members asking them to convene in January for the business at hand. The GA schedule will be added to the December Agenda. Dan Secrest volunteered to chair the Canvass committee this year.
- **Meeting Schedule:** The board discussed skipping meetings in summer and determining a minimum number of meetings. Decision was postponed to December meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

- The board agreed to add it to the December Agenda.

ADJOURNMENT: Dan Hale adjourned the meeting at 1:51 pm.

Next Meeting is December 16, 2018