

UU Detroit Board Meeting Minutes

for May 14, 2022, 1:00 - 2:00 pm

over Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87030355779>

Covenant - Read individually (on mute except one person)

We covenant to work together in honesty, kindness and respect for each other as we carry out our elected responsibilities to do the business of this church to the best of our abilities. We are a religious community. Let us move forward in love.

Attending:

Scott Lehto, President
Mark Tade, Vice President (excused absence)
Dan Secrest, Immediate Past President
Reverend Dr. Stephen Butler Murray (excused absence)
Steven Curtin, Trustee
Eric Gardner, Trustee (excused absence)
Jody Wise, Trustee (excused absence)
Dan Wiest, Trustee
Andrea Esu, Trustee
Nancy Shattuck, Secretary

There was a quorum

Review Minutes and Today's Agenda.

- Scott Lehto reviewed the agenda, and it was accepted without additions or changes.
- The minutes for April will be postponed to next month.

Finances

- Dan Wiest reported we budgeted \$9,000 but we spent \$17,000. Most of the \$13,000 deficit this month was due to EMEAC donation, and the insurance not budgeted for. YTD for April, we have a \$7,000 deficit in pledges. He sent out pledge status this week and we are not doing badly on income, but our expenses are impacted. Bob's budget predicted \$7,000 deficits by April, and we are \$8,000 over that because of the EMEAC donation. By the End of April we are able to cover our deficit.

- Dan Wiest will work on the budget for the Annual Congregation meeting.

EMEAC Flooring / Al Acker's Memorial

- Al Acker's memorial service will be broadcasted, and Dan Secrest will set up the link.

Farewell Plan

- Scott distributed the plan for the Meeting and the committee reviewed it.
- Scott put together Nantucket limericks. He will reflect on his memories. Dan Secrest, Dan Hale, and Dan Wiest will speak. Kathy Stevens sent a text. Then Reverend Murray.
- Jody bought a going away gift, and that should be put in the closing.

Ministerial Search

- Steve Curtin interviewed Julie Brock, and two other people. Of these, Julie Brock will receive an offer, and Fred Wooden might be interesting to pull in as speaker. He is also a backup for Julie Brock if she turns down the offer.
- Scott Lehto presented the offer. A one-year, three quarter time contract, three Sundays per month, developing religious education program, supporting committee meetings, sermons on Sunday.
- Julie Brock will be available as soon as June 2022 and negotiated for more benefits. Original offer was 50 plus 12, but negotiated 55 plus 15.
- For pastoral care, she may have conflicts and the resolution was case by case review.
- Dan Secrest moved that we bring in Fred Wooden for speaker, Steve Curtin seconded, and all approved.
- Jody Wise was commended for leading the committee

Boiler

- The flooring and the boiler projects are finished, and the stairs and ramp will be considered next..

Project Status

Social Media (Jody Wise)

- Nancy Shattuck and Scott Lehto will get together weekend of 29th..

Distribute Advertising Material (Susan)

- This is stalled right now. Need a canvaas trial with that.

Community church & city alignment (Minister)

- On June 26, the informal mayor of midtown will speak at the church. Plan is to distribute brochures for the event.

Grants (Suzanne)

- We will wait for our new minister as Julie Brock said she's good at writing grants.

New ideas

- Monthly ribbon around church
- We design something that makes a statement that identifies us and set out flags.
- Purchase a new UU sign that has remote updating. Steve Curtin will find out where we can get an electric sign.

COVID

- Scott Lehto sent out a covid document that now tracks status with three colors, and we are at midrange status, but he reports many friends have the new variety. Both Trey and Colleen got COVID.
- If it goes up to the orange level, we should reconsider opening the service. For now, with the midrange medium status, we can move forward.
- On increasing ventilation, we have three industrial fans to increase ventilation. We should open windows in the social hall as well as use the fans.

President's Report

EMEAC

- Scott Lehto attended their meeting; they are doing well with grants.

Delegates

- Andrea Esu and Scott Lehto reported on the meeting. Andrea has some notes and would like to report on it next month. Scott thought the speaker was wonderful, but the meeting was dull. The presentation is only posted online until the 15th of May for those who want to watch it.

Annual election / open spots

- UU Detroit has not delegates for the UUA General meeting; we will talk about it at annual meeting next week.
- The nominating committee approved Jody Wise, Dan Wiest, and Scott Lehto are all on the ballot to rerun.

Annual report to congregation / voting

- Todd Ballou has submitted his committee report.
- Social justice and Membership committees need their reports.
- Scott will put together a list of Board accomplishments.
- Dan Wiest will go through finances.
- Jody Wise will speak on the ministerial search committee.
- Then we vote.

Adjourn

Scott Lehto adjourned the meeting at 2:00 PM.

Next meeting: 19 June 2022