

UU Detroit Board Meeting 2/13/2025

Minutes by Dan Secrest, Secretary

Approved by Board on 3/13/2025

Attendees:

Rev Julie Brock
Colleen Dolan-Greene (President)
Andrea Esu (Trustee)
Elizabeth Lehto (VP)
Scott Lehto (Immediate Past President - via Zoom)
Dan Secrest (Secretary)
Maryli Secrest (Trustee)
Nancy Shattuck (Trustee)
Dan Wiest (Treasurer)

Absent:

Megan Douglass (Trustee) - scheduling conflict

Place: Zoom Only (due to snow)

The meeting was called to order at 6:04pm

Julie read a dedication and Colleen lit a chalice.

Agenda.:

Tim Bailey questions discussed regarding building.

Meeting minutes for [October](#), [November](#), [December](#) approved because they were on the prior consent agendas. [January](#) also approved in this manner.

Reports Submitted

- [Proposed Joint Personnel Manual](#)
- [Minister's Report](#)
- [Finance Reports](#)
- [RE Director's Report](#)

Finance

- March 23 is canvass Sunday. Dan W and Julie leading this.

Joint Personnel Committee

- Committee has been meeting weekly and revising UUA manual. Vote on the [Proposed Joint Personnel Manual](#) by next Board meeting. Board members will look it over before that meeting.
- Dan Wiest will attend next Joint Personnel Committee meeting. Trey is on committee and will attend also. Elizabeth can come also.

EMEAC / Building

- Discussion with congregation:
 - Elizabeth will attend follow up meeting from Feb 2 congregational discussion.
 - Reengagement in church as part of Detroit
 - Megan & Elizabeth will meet regarding next steps. Julie mentioned some other people who might be interested.
- Legal Update:
 - Paul Jackson (EMEAC's registered agent) was served with our legal notice.
 - Colleen will let us know the deadline for their response.
 - Run issues or any questions thru Colleen and she will discuss with lawyer if necessary.
- Ruby trying to contact Gloria House, but hasn't been able to yet.
- Prentis Parking Lot
 - EMEAC was renting out parking spaces.
 - Our attorney sent them a cease and desist order. No response that we know of.
 - Equipment in parking lot adjacent to church. Neighbors complained because heating equipment in parking lot is noisy – contacted police.
- Dan W shared info on building.

Shared Ministry Transitions Team.

- Update from Julie:
- 6/30/2025 is end of our 18 month shared ministry contract.
- Asking each congregation who we want to be in the world. We're bringing in a facilitator to help with this. UU Detroit to meet with facilitator in March– March 1 in person and March 6 virtually. Board members should go to one of these (but not both as active participants).
- Will need to meet with Northwest Board in April to see how the two congregations fit, following consultation with facilitator. Saturday April 5 at 1pm.
- Congregational meeting tentatively scheduled for May 18.

Calendar

- March 1 evening - in person with facilitator
- March 6 evening - virtual meeting with facilitator
- April 5, 1pm Joint Board Retreat
- May 18: Congregational Meeting after worship.

Program Council

- Maryli reported on her impressions and feedback she collected from other attendees. Lots of energy and enthusiasm. People signed up for next steps. Fairly equal representation from Detroit and NW. Good diversity of new and longtime, old and young.
- Send out more info to congregation.
- Board members should be ready to refer people to Program Council for activities they are interested in.
- Next meeting May 11, will also include Farmington.

Closing words from Rev Julie.

Meeting adjourned 7:20pm

