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UU Detroit Board Meeting 5/9/2024

Minutes by Dan Secrest, Secretary

Approved by Board on 7/2/2024

Attendees: Rev Julie Brock (Minister), Dan Wiest (Treasurer), Jody Wise (President), Colleen Dolan-Greene (Vice President, via Zoom), Eli Kranz (intern minister), Scott Lehto (Past President, via Zoom), Nancy Shattuck (Trustee)

Absent: Eric Gardner (Trustee), Dan Secrest (Secretary), Andrea Esu (Trustee)

Place: Northwest UU Church

The meeting was called to order at 6:07pm

Opening Song led by Rev Julie.

[Agenda](#) adopted with addition of discussion of congregational meeting

[April minutes](#) approved

Treasurer's Report

- Reviewed [statements](#) and salient details from last month.
- Treasurer needs to get Julie's retirement account caught up Full amount shows up in "Projected Expenses" Some complications because we redid minister's contract in January.

Minister's Report

- Rev Julie will take off month of July (vacation as in contract)
- Study week at end of May
- Eva interested in being DRE for both churches – should be good but a stretch for church financially
- Motion: \$500 for July. hiring somebody? Dan W will add to budget. APPROVED (around 39 minute mark)
- Worship – joint services alternating every other week. Will draft letter explaining to congregation.

Parking Lot

- Jody talked to 2 realtors – est value about \$500,000 (same exact estimate from each). Zoning leaves open a lot of possibilities.
- Former lessees are behind in payments to us. They have been having financial difficulties in restaurant / bar business.
- Nancy Shattuck will get estimate on parking lot repairs. Min \$600 for gravel grading(?)
- Trey will contact parking person at Wayne State about possibility of using their lot (so we can sell ours)

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Trust

Start thinking of getting Trust out of current legal state and to be part of church? Would need legal advice

Social Justice

We are hosting speaker on Israel/Palestine situation. Church member approached Jody with concerns. [Ilan Pappé](#). Rev Julie has reviewed his work and finds him reasonable. The current Gaza debate is controversial in other churches affiliated with UUA. Important issue. Some people may be uncomfortable with this speaker. But that shouldn't necessarily be a show stopper. We are hosting Pappé. EMEAC is comfortable – Rev Julie talked to Paul Jackson and he is fine with it.

Appointed Kathe Stevens as co-chair of Membership Committee with Dan Secrest

Rev Julie info on grant line item regarding our intern minister (Eli): Write a joint request with NW for the fall for \$15,000.

Discussion of Abby's employment. Putting her down in budget for 10 hours / week.

We need to write a human resources manual. Colleen is sure we have some information somewhere. Maybe we can start by getting something from UUA.

Rev Julie provided closing words.

Meeting adjourned around 7:30