

***Board Business Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 10, 2015***

7:06 pm Central (8:06 pm Eastern) Call to Order

Present: Bill Sasso, Doug Cauble, Tom Sommerfeld, Nancy Heege, Cindy Landrum, Janis Cheney, Dave Martin, Kyrie Bock, Ian Evison

7:06 pm Opening Readings: ***MidAmerica Vision Statement and Covenant of the Board of the MidAmerica Region of the UUA 09.06.14***

7:10 pm Consent Agenda

- Appointment of Timekeeper, Advocate (Doug Cauble), and Process Observer (Dave Martin)
- Minutes of the 2/10/2015 MidAmerica Board Business Meeting
- Annual Report of the Midwest Unitarian Universalist Conference and the Midwest Unitarian Universalist Foundation

MA/Mountain District/MUUC Covenant Wording

Motion to accept as amended Tom Sommerfeld, Dave Martin second, vote taken, accepted unanimously

7:14 pm Discussion and proposed policy regarding new congregations

"When a new MidAmerica Region congregation received official recognition by the UUA Board of Trustees, that congregation will be considered to be in good standing with the MidAmerica Region for a period of one year, beginning on the date of UUA recognition, after which time the congregation's good standing will be determined as specified in the Bylaws of the MidAmerica Region."

Motion to approve by Doug Cauble, second by Tom Sommerfeld, vote taken, approved unanimously

7:16 pm Review and possible adoption of projected FY2017 MidAmerica Region "Full Share"

A possible motion: "Based on financial information provided in support of the MidAmerica Region FY2016 Budget (as approved by the MidAmerica Board on February 10, 2015), the MidAmerica Board projects the MidAmerica "full share" contribution as \$25/member for FY2017 (July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017)." **Motion to adopt by Janis Cheney, second by Eric Huffer, Ian Evison provided context in history of recession impacting MA more so than other parts of country, Bill Sasso raised advocacy of marginalized groups in how they are impacted, vote taken, approved unanimously**

7:30 pm Report and Recommendations from Working Group on Generosity/Stewardship

(Eric, Dave, Dori Thexton) **Discussion of report and recommendations, recommendation that more attention be brought forward at Regional Assembly, Ian pointed out that two representatives from UUA will be there, Mark Ewert on helping congregations fundraising, another thanking for contributions, recommended education of board members in fundraising approaches, Ian will check on the availability of Dori Thexton to present session on fundraising at May meeting in Louisville.**

7:45 pm Status Report from Working Group on Congregational Connections (Cindy, Janis, Ian) **No report, work is ongoing**

7:45pm Continued discussion of UUA Vice-Moderator's recommendations regarding changes to the UUA Bylaws in relation to regions and districts-**explanation of where we are by Bill Sasso, discussion of next steps, board agreed to have Cindy Landrum do a presentation at the Regional Assembly business meeting informing attendees of the UUA's proposal**

7:55 pm Review and Approval of the 2015 MidAmerica Region Annual Business Meeting Final Agenda

Motion to approve prelim agenda by Dave Martin, Janis Cheney second, motion by Cindy Landrum to amend to include presentation informing delegates of the UUA bylaw proposal, and let them know impact, second by TomSommerfeld, amendment approved unanimously – inserted as item 7, item 8 should be amended to include staff, recognition of St. Louis added, introduction to MA at start added, vote taken, approved unanimously (Attachment A)

* No Annual Business Meeting business submitted by congregational action was received by the deadline for submission (Wednesday, 2/25).

8:20 pm Planning for the Annual Business Meeting and the Board workshops at Regional Assembly **motion by Dave Martin, second by Tom Sommerfeld to appoint Doug Cauble, Eric Huffer & Kyrie Bock as Credentialing Committee, vote taken, approved unanimously Bill Sasso will present Learning Network Covenant, Doug Cauble will chair business meeting during this time. Cindy Landrum will present UUA bylaw proposal**

Workshop (Saturday, 1:30 to 2:45 pm) What has the MidAmerica Board learned from you in our first 18 months? **Dave Martin & Eric Huffer will lead**

Workshop (Saturday, 3 to 4:15 pm) What Do You and Your Community Desire From the MidAmerica Board?**Doug Cauble, Kyrie Bock & Tom Sommerfeld will lead**

8:28 pm Report on plans for the May Board Meeting (Louisville, KY)**Eric Huffer reported on planning for Saturday evening, Ian Evison will check with Dori Thexton for availability**

8:33 pm Process Observer Comments **Dave Martin-board members stayed on task and were prepared, marginalized groups concerns were raised, board honored its covenant,**

8:37pm Closing Words (Nancy Heege)

8:30 pm Adjournment - **motion by Tom Sommerfeld, second by Dave Martin, vote taken, approved unanimously**