

MidAmerica Region, UUA

**Board Business Meeting Agenda:
Tuesday, February 2, 2016**

8:00 pm Eastern Call to Order (In attendance – Trustees - Eric Huffer, Douglas Cauble, Tom Sommerfeld, Rev. Dawn Cooley, Ellen Germann, Dave Martin, David Lauth, Janis Cheney, Kyrie Bock (arrived 8:30 EST), Rev. Ian Evison, Staff – Rev. Lisa Presley

8:02 pm Opening Readings: MidAmerica Vision Statement and Covenant of the Board of the MidAmerica Region of the UUA read by the trustees

8:10 pm – Janis Cheney appointed to take minutes until such time that Secretary is in attendance

8:10 pm Consent Agenda

- Appointment of Timekeeper(Douglas Cauble)
- Appointment of Process Observer(Ellen Germann)
- Appointment of Advocate(Dave Martin)
- Minutes of the 1/5/16 MidAmerica Board Business Meeting
- 2nd quarter financials added to consent agenda

Motion for approval of consent agenda Tom Sommerfeld, second by Dave Martin

8:15 pm Review and possible approval of FY2017 MidAmerica Region Budget Draft budget presented by Lisa Presley and Ian Evison, adjustments were made to reduce a projected deficit, proposing some cuts in staff travel, and reducing face-to-face board meetings from 3 to 2. There was discussion of the proposed cuts, revenue generation, and the budget making process. Doug Cauble made a motion to move to approve the budget. Janice Cheney seconded. David Lauth agreed with Dawn Cooley's comments about the importance of being thoughtful about how we can tweak the process next year of approving the budget. Eric Huffer called a vote for approval of the budget. All in favor, no opposed. The budget was approved.

8:40 pm Report on Generosity Network and discussion of Stewardship and Fundraising Efforts – Eric Huffer shared about the Generosity Network. They are recruiting 2 levels of people to work on this. The Strategic Group and the group that is doing outreach, through calls and conversations. Process is ongoing. There is a call out for both levels of participation and of the Board, we need to each look to see if anyone we know would be an appropriate fit. Eric proposed a working group to work on this per Ian's suggestion of working with Mary Katherine. Ellen suggested moving this to an agenda item for March's Board meeting. Eric agreed.

9:05 pm Discussion and possible action to add Dori Thexton to list of CL staff with access to accounts - Discussion to add Dori Thexton, who is Congregational Life Staff, to list of people with account access. Lisa Presley requested Dori Thexton be appointed as having signing access in place of Nancy Hegge, who has retired.

The MidAmerica Board appoints Dori Davenport Thexton as an authorized signer on all accounts held by MidAmerica Region, and instructs Lisa Presley, as Acting Secretary for Financial Matters, to take all steps necessary to add Dori Davenport Thexton as signatory. Janis Cheney moved for approval, Ellen Germann seconded. Eric Huffer called for vote. Unanimously approved.

9:15 pm Update on May 2016 Face-to-Face Board meeting & Discussion of Possible Congregational Outreach – Eric Huffer gave an update on the logistics of the board's face-to-face meeting in the Detroit area in May. There has been some difficulty finding a site. There was some discussion about looking for another location, with a decision to keep the location and utilize a hotel near the airport for the meeting.

9:30 pm Report on possible proposed Business Submitted by Congregational Action- Eric Huffer gave an update and shared the e-mail on proposed business item for the regional assembly agenda, submitted by congregational action.

9:40 pm Process Observer report -

9:45 pm Closing Words –from Eric Huffer

9:50 pm Adjournment