

MidAmerica Region, UUA
Board Business Meeting
Tuesday, June 7, 2016
Zoom Video Conference Call

Trustees present: Kyrie Bock, Doug Cauble, Janis Cheney, Ellen Germann, Eric Huffer, David Lauth, Dave Martin

Trustees absent: Tom Sommerfeld, Dawn Cooley

Staff present: Ian Evison

8:00 pm (Eastern) President Eric Huffer called the meeting to order.

8:02 pm Opening Readings: MidAmerica Vision Statement
Doug Cauble was appointed as Process Observer.

8:10 pm Consent Agenda

- Minutes of the 4/5/2016 MidAmerica Board Business Meeting
- Minutes of the 4/30/2016 seconded Annual Business Meeting of the MidAmerica Region
- Minutes of the 5/21/2016 MidAmerica Board Business Meeting

David Martin moved adoption of the Consent Agenda, Ellen Germann seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

8:15 pm Report from Eric Huffer regarding discussion with Bill Sasso, Chair of Learning Network Covenant Task Force. Eric reported that he shared the MA Board's thanks and appreciation for the work done by the Learning network Covenant Task Force, and the board's request that the information gathered by the task force be submitted to the board by August 1, 2016. Eric reported that the task force will do so.

8:25 pm Review of Board's re-imagined ministry discussion

In advance of an upcoming discussion of our Board goals for 2016-2017, Board members discussed the importance of visits to congregations in their surrounding cities and other ways of building connections between our congregations and other communities.

8:35 pm Check-in with Board members attending General Assembly

Eric Huffer encouraged those members who will be attending GA to attend the MidAmerica ingathering session.

8:45 pm Ethics Guidelines/Background Checks Discussion

The Board discussed our recently-adopted plan to have all Board members submit to background checks. Questions were raised regarding whether the UUA has policies and practices for this, and whether we should be following the same policies and practices. It was requested that our staff prepare a draft policy and bring this back to the Board for further discussion.

8:55 pm Process Observer Comments

Doug Cauble shared that the board interacted with collegiality and good intentions, and lifted up marginalized group in debriefing our Board meeting in Detroit.

Closing Words given by Eric Huffer. David Martin moved to adjourn the meeting, David Lauth seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

9:00 pm Adjournment