

MidAmerica Region, UUA
Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, October 4th, 2016

Attendees: Kyrie Bock, Eric Huffer, Doug Cauble, Ian Evison (staff), David Lauth, Sharon Dittmar (staff), Brian Bach, Ellen Germann, Janis Cheney.

7:25 pm (CST) Call to Order

7:26 pm Opening Reading: MidAmerica Board Mission Statement

Reading of the Covenant of the Board of the MidAmerica Region of the UUA

7:30 pm Consent Agenda

- Minutes of the August Board Meeting
- Appointment of Process Observer-, Advocate- and Timekeeper-Doug Cauble is the timekeeper. David Lauth is the Process Observer, and Eric Huffer will be the Advocate.

Eric Huffer called for a motion for approval of Consent agenda. Ellen Germann moved. Janis Cheney seconded. Vote called, passed unanimously, no abstentions.

7:35 pm Review & Discussion of Draft 2016/2017 Board Goals

David Lauth provided an update of the work that he, Sara Oglesby, Janis Cheney, and Brian Bach had done together to revise our draft Board Goals, focusing on specific actions that can be measured at the end of the year. In connection with our congregational calls this fall, we will offer follow up calls to deepen relationships. In addition, Eric Huffer suggested that when the Board has in person retreats, we will plan to set up events with local congregations focusing on Social Justice work.

7:45 pm Discussion of Fall Call process

Ian Evison shared intentions of Stewardship and Development coming from UUA which was they were still coordinating on which congregations to plan out reach for. Then once there choice had been made, we as MAR would then choose remaining congregations that were appropriate to make connections. Ian's suggestions was to move forward to begin phoning due to the timeline by which Stewardship and Development may take to complete was not the same time frame that we would be making outreach calls. Together Eric Huffer and Ian Evison will formulate a list for the MAR Board's fall call assignments/delegations. Several agreed that the outline for the calls will allow for open dialogue and further discussion to build connections.

8:20 pm Review & Discussion of Board Expenses Policy

We reviewed the policies and evaluated opportunities for cutting costs, including the sharing of rental car and accommodations. We will strive to reserve space for our in person meetings far enough in advance to ~~maximize saving money~~minimize expenses . Eric Huffer will update changes to the policy and send to the Board for review to discuss at the next meeting.

8:35 pm Discussion of agenda for November gathering (Eric Huffer)

This is scheduled for Saturday, November 12th, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Confirmed with all availability.

8:40 pm Update on Nominating Committee (Eric Huffer)

There is currently no update from the Nominating Committee for filling the position that Rev. Dawn Cooley vacated. Eric stressed that a good connection and open communication for/from the Board is important in order to provide to them what is needed.

8:45 Eric shared that Sharon Dittmar drafted a letter to go out to the Friends of MAR from the ~~Sharon Dittmar~~Region. We hope to have 100% support from Board members so that we can include this statement in the letter.

8:55 pm Process Observer Comments

David Lauth shared observations his observations about our meeting.

8:46 pm Eric Huffer offered closing words.

8:48 pm Adjournment Eric Huffer called for motion to adjourn. Ellen Germann moved. David Lauth seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.