

Mid America Board Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, December 13, 2016 8:00 EST (7 p.m. CT)

Attendees: Eric Huffer, Ian Evison, Doug Cauble, Ellen Germann, Brian Bach, Kyrie Bock, Sharron Dittmar, David Lauth, Sarah Oglesby

8: 03 p.m. Meeting was called to order by President Eric Huffer.

Eric Huffer read the mission statement of the board.

Doug Cauble is timekeeper. Brian Bach is process observer. Ellen Germann is Advocate.

8:07 p.m. The minutes of the November meeting were accepted with the note to include Dori Thexton's last name (Thexton).

8:10 p.m. Eric Huffer presented - Reverend Dawn Cooley had forwarded a request for a letter supporting reproductive rights to be sent from the region to the ACLU. Concern was expressed that the sample letter she included sounded more like lobbying for a specific issue. After much discussion, it was agreed that we would send a more generic letter in support. Eric Huffer will draft a letter.

8:15 p.m. Sharon Dittmar asked if board members were comfortable taking a stand on issues given the current political climate in the country. Everyone agreed that we are.

8: 20 p.m. We discussed some ideas on a place for the May face-to-face MAR Board Quarterly meeting. Doug Cauble had researched some possibilities in the Nashville, IN area. It was decided to pursue the Hidden Valley Inn. We would prepare our own meals which would be a good connecting activity for the board. Doug Cauble will contact Nancy Harden to negotiate the dates and rates.

8:30 p.m. A review of the current budget was led by Brian Bach and Eric Huffer. One item that was highlighted was the cutting Presidents expenses. The budget discussion centered around how the board could cut expenses. It was felt that we had done this by eliminating one face-to-face meeting for next year. David Lauth brought up the question about Full Share current Discount model, what does that mean. Eric Huffer stated, that is a general practice for budgets. Starved Rock is reserved for August.

8: 50 p.m. Nominating Committee has a new Chair and they are clear of the urgency to fill Reverend Dawn Cooley's spot as soon as possible. They are moving forward the process.

8: 55 p.m. Board Stewardship Committee – Brian Bach, Ian Evison, David Lauth, and Janis Cheney. They are also working on other regional heads to obtain practices on stewardship as well as looking as outside resources. Brian Bach is also speaking with our accountant.

9:00 p.m. Sharon Dittmar gave the update of Friends of Mid America from Board and Staff.

9: 03 p.m. Doug Cauble made motion for adjournment, Sarah Oglesby seconded. Approved unanimously.
