

*MidAmerica Region, UUA*

**Board Business Meeting Agenda:  
Tuesday, January 3, 2017**

***Ian Evison, Eric Huffer, Kyrie Bock, Douglas Cauble, David Lauth, Sharon Dittmar, Janis Cheney, and Brian Bach were in attendance.***

***Ellen Germann and Sarah Oglesby were not able to be in attendance.***

8:18 pm Eastern Call to Order

8:20 pm Opening Reading: MidAmerica Board Mission Statement

Creating Synergy across the MidAmerica Region through Stewardship, Storytelling, and Social Justice Engagement.

Covenant of the Board of the MidAmerica Region of the UUA

As we work together to engage boldly in building the future of our denomination, empowering the MidAmerica Region of the Unitarian Universalist Association, we, the Board of the MidAmerica Region promise ourselves and each other . . .

- To keep spirituality present within us as individuals and as a community, to remember always that we are doing religious work, and to remember that our Unitarian Universalist message can be transformative.
- To show up for meetings prepared, actively participate, and learn together and from each other.
- To communicate within agreed-upon response times using agreed-upon communication methods.
- To hold a safe space when we gather and work together: holding good intentions, being respectful, being fully present, listening deeply, including all voices and honoring them. To that end, we encourage use of the following wisdom from our youth:
  - \* recognize that our intentions may be different from our impact;
  - \* speak up at the beginning of discomfort, and not wait until anger or frustration overwhelms us.
  - \* speak one at a time.
- To hear every voice at the table, voice disagreements, seek to understand and then to be understood. Our shared intention is not always to reach unanimity, but rather to leave the meeting with a commitment that each participant can affirm decisions reached, so the Board will speak with one voice to the public.
  - To locate authority in the Board, not in the individual board member.
  - To honor and respect our commitments to Anti-Racism, Anti-Oppression, and Multi-Culturalism.
- To honor and respect our commitments to congregations, and other constituencies as we work together.
  - To have fun and laughter in our shared experience, and to celebrate.

- To embody the spirit of generosity and the experience of abundance in our work together.
- To be in active and intentional relationship with other groups, part of a larger web of interdependence.

We will keep this covenant present before us, and when we are having trouble keeping this promise, we will lovingly remind one another of our covenant.

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#### 8:20 pm Consent Agenda

- Appointment of Timekeeper – Janis Cheney
- Appointment of Process Observer – Doug Cauble
- Appointment of Advocate – Eric Huffer
- Minutes of the 11/12/16 MidAmerica Board Business Meeting – Eric Huffer called to vote for approval, passed unanimously.

#### 8:23 pm Review and possible approval of Reproductive Justice letter

Eric Huffer proposed a written letter regarding the subject matter of Reproductive Justice. Discussion ensued. A task form has been formed by Eric Huffer, Kyrie Bock, Brian Bach, and Ian Evison to continue further discussion on this topic. A call for our first meeting will be organized in the coming weeks and the letter will be sent.

#### 8:47 pm Report on UUA stewardship and budget process – Ian Evison

No patterns in giving or lack of giving.

#### 8:50 pm Generosity Network update

Eric Huffer gave updates as to what participants are engaging in. Regional Captains are meeting monthly. Also, they are having meetings with other congregations in the Network.

#### 9:15 pm MidAmerica Board Goal Check-In

David Lauth inquired about one of the goals of congregations sharing stories, are we on target for receiving this information? Eric Huffer called for someone to draft something for the website to request stories from congregations. Janis Cheney and Ian will be working on this together.

#### 9:20 pm Process Observer Comments

David Lauth – Conversations and participation were good. Challenges are with technology and getting started with Zoom.

#### 9:24 pm Closing Words Eric Huffer.

#### 9:25 pm Adjournment