

MidAmerica Region, UUA
Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting
April 4, 2017

Trustees present: Eric Huffer, Brian Bach, Doug Cauble, Janis Cheney, Ellen Germann, David Lauth, Tammy Lemmer, Sarah Oglesby-Dunegan

Trustees absent: Kyrie Bock

Staff present: Sharon Dittmar, Ian Evison

Call to Order: President Eric Huffer called the meeting to order at and offered opening words. President Eric Huffer. Eric Huffer requested a note keeper in Kyrie Bock's absent and Ellen Germann volunteered.

Consent Agenda:

- Appointment of Timekeeper – Janis Cheney
- Appointment of Process Observer – Brian Bach
- Appointment of Advocate – Doug Cauble
- Minutes of the March 2017 MAR Board Meeting

Doug Cauble moved approval of the Consent Agenda, Brian Bach seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Welcoming of a New Board Member.

Eric Huffer welcomed the new Board member, Tammy Lemmer. Tammy Lemmer spoke briefly about her commitment to the Board.

Discussion and adoption of an Increase in Congregational Giving requested amount.

Eric Huffer introduced the topic, referring everyone to the proposal sent out with the materials for the meeting. If approved, the increase would be effective in July, 2019.

There was significant discussion about encouraging those congregations that are not giving full fair share to increase their giving. Ian assured the Board that there will be emphasis on both the increase in the per-member giving request and a focus on increasing giving from all congregations. The last increase was 3 years ago. Janis Cheney moved to increase the Congregational Giving Request by \$1 per member. Ellen Germann seconded the motion. It passed with 7 in favor and 1 opposed.

Discussion of appointment of Bob Lovell to nominating committee.

Tammy Lemmer indicated that the committee needed the position filled because there is still an open position to fill for the Camp Unistar Board. Janis Cheney moved to appoint Bob Lovell to the nominating committee. Brian Bach seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Ian Evison spoke to the unfolding events at the UUA regarding the hiring for the new Southern Region Lead.

It was decided to hold a listening session on Friday afternoon at 4 PM at the Regional Assembly. Eric Huffer will facilitate. Janis Cheney suggested that in addition to listening to our congregants, we might ask how we can work together to make things better and to move forward. Ian Evison requested that we also show strong support for the regional staff who have been through so many changes recently. The open position in the Region for an administrator may stay open until we get hiring guideline from the UUA.

Regional Assembly Updates.

David Lauth will move for the adoption of the rules of procedure at the business meeting. Tammy Lemmer will notify Kate to move for acceptance of the slate of officers.

Honoring Departure of staff at Regional Assembly - At the Regional Meeting, contributions from Board Members will be accepted and used to fund this gift. She will arrange with Doug to get it to Regional Assembly.

Janis Cheney reported that she had contributed the descriptions of the Board workshops at Regional Assembly. After checking the website, it was determined that they were not posted. Sharon Dittmar will see that the descriptions get put on the website.

Updates for May Board Meeting.

Eric Huffer, Doug Cauble, and Brian Bach will create the agenda for the May Board meeting in Nashville, IN. We will want some closure with Scott Tayler at that time. Sharon Dittmar reminded everyone of the email sent out last week regarding the meeting.

Process Observer and Advocate Comments.

While we went over time on some issues, all conversation was respectful and caring. Brian Bach wondered if we wanted an additional meeting to process the hurt we are feeling with happenings at the UUA. All in all, it was a good meeting.

Closing Words.

Eric Huffer offered closing words.

Adjournment.

Janis Cheney moved for adjournment and Brian Bach seconded. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:33 p.m.