

**MidAmerica Region, UUA**  
**Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**June 6, 2017**

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

Trustees absent: Kyrie Bock

Staff present: Sharon Dittmar, Lisa Presley

Call to Order: President Eric Huffer called the meeting to order at 8:10 pm Eastern time and shared the Board's mission statement.

Consent Agenda:

- Appointment of Timekeeper Janis Cheney
- Appointment of Process Observer - Dixie Collinson
- Appointment of Advocate - Ellen Germann
- Minutes of the 5/20/17 MidAmerica Board Business Meeting (deferred)

Sarah Oglesby moved approval of the Consent Agenda, Janis Cheney seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of MidAmerica Region Ingathering at General Assembly, and assignment of roles:  
David Lauth will greet our attendees, introduce Board members and staff; Eric Huffer will share the President's Report; Sarah Oglesby will lead listening circles regarding the MidAmerica mission statement; we'll introduce the local coordinator for GA 2018 in Kansas City.

Discussion of MidAmerica Region 2017-2018 budget:

Brian Bach led a discussion of our 2017-2018 budget, and Lisa provided an overview of the budget. Brian Bach stressed the Board's obligation to raise sufficient funds to provide our staff with the financial resources they need. We discussed potential strategies to encourage more congregations to pay fair share contributions.

Discussion of BLUU video:

The Board discussed the BLUU video that was recently shared on The VUU, which we had viewed in advance of tonight's meeting. We also discussed what other resources the Board might use as the basis for future discussions, and Sarah will lead our work in selecting resources.

Planning discussion for August Board retreat:

We will meet at Starved Rock State Park in Illinois on August 17-20. We'll plan to include a debrief from General Assembly, and any direction we have gleaned from the new UUA president. We'll plan on a social justice engagement activity while we're together, perhaps sending notes of support to the Standing Rock water protectors who are still incarcerated.

Process Observer and Advocate Comments: Dixie observed that the meeting went well and we had good interaction. Ellen observed that we spent much of our time tonight focused on those who are less evident among us.

Closing Words: Janis Cheney offered closing words.

Adjournment: Janis Cheney moved for adjournment and David Lauth seconded. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm Eastern time.