

MidAmerica Region, UUA
Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting
October 3, 2017

Trustees present: Eric Huffer, David Lauth, Brian Bach, Kyrie Bock, Janis Cheney, Dixie Collinson, Tammy Lemmer,

Trustees absent: Sarah Oglesby-Dunegan

Staff present: Ian Evison

Call to Order: President Eric Huffer called the meeting to order at 8 p.m. and offered opening words.

Consent Agenda:

- Appointment of Timekeeper – Kyrie Bock
- Appointment of Process Observer – Tammy Lemmer
- Appointment of Advocate – Brian Bach
- Minutes of the 9/5/2017 MidAmerica Board Business Meeting

Eric Huffer moved approval of the Consent Agenda, Kyrie Bock seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Check in – All participated.

Review of Nomination for Open Trustee Position & Possible Appointment

Rev. Mitra Jafarzadeh is a prospect for MAR Board of Trustee. Eric Huffer reviewed her biography and discussion ensued.

Brian Bach moved that the Mid America Board appoint her to the Board of Trustees. David Lauth seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Discussion of UUA's New Annual Program Fund process, and possible move to a single fundraising ask

At the August quarterly meeting at Starved Rock, the proposed new process for calculating the APF request to congregations was presented by Stewardship Development Staff. This new process would base the APF request on a percentage of congregational expenses. The process may also include one unified request to congregations on behalf of both the UUA and the Region.

Several questions were raised and a discussion continued with input from each of the Board Members about this topic. It was agreed by all to continue dialogue about this new process. Eric Huffer proposed we have dialogue with the Chief Operating Officer at the UUA to explore a potential agreement on this subject.

Brian Bach will be gathering questions from the Board then there will be a request to set up a meeting to present those questions to the staff at the UUA. The Board agreed that Brian Bach and David Lauth will meet with the UUA Staff and report back to the Board.

Report on 2018 MidAmerica Business Meeting arrangements

Eric Huffer shared that we anticipate requesting a timeslot at General Assembly to hold the annual meeting for the MidAmerica Region. There will be additional details at the November's Board Meeting.

Discussion of November Board meeting

Eric Huffer shared that he is starting to put together the agenda for the November meeting. This will include team building and on-boarding of the new Board Member. Fall Call check-ins will also be part of the agenda.

Process Observer and Advocate Comments:

Tammy Lemmer shared that the meeting ran smoothly. Most people were participating and no one was excluded. Brian Bach agreed that the comments encompassed everything.

Closing Words: Eric Huffer offered closing words.

Adjournment: Brian Bach moved for adjournment and Dixie Collinson seconded. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.