

MidAmerica Region, UUA
Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting
February 7, 2018

Trustees present: Kyrie Bock, Janis Cheney, Eric Huffer, David Lauth, Tammy Lemmer.

Trustees absent: Sarah Oglesby-Dunegan, Dixie Collinson, Brian Bach, Mitra Jafarzadeh

Staff present: Ian Evison, Lisa Presley

Call to Order: President Eric Huffer called the meeting to order at 8:05 pm Eastern and reviewed the Board Mission Statement.

Consent Agenda:

- Appointment of Timekeeper – Janis Cheney
- Appointment of Process Observer – David Lauth
- Appointment of Advocate – Eric Huffer

Check In:

Members shared updates on items of note in their lives this evening.

Review, Discussion and Possible Approval of Minutes of the 12/4/17 MidAmerica Board Business Meeting:

After discussion about draft language in minutes, Janis Cheney moved to table the approval of minutes until our March 2018 Meeting. Kyrie Bock seconded. Approved unanimously.

Review and Discussion of FY2019 MA Budget:

This will be sent to the MAR Board to review in our March meeting since we do not have a Regional Assembly deadline this year.

Report on New APF Discussions:

David Lauth summarized the three main bullet points of the proposed agreement between the Region and the UUA regarding a shift to a new process in which congregations will submit one check with their combined contributions to the Region and the UUA. (See Agreement Attached). It was proposed that the Board authorize David Lauth, Brian Bach, and Eric Huffer to have further discussions as necessary with the UUA, and to accept minor changes consistent with what has already been discussed with the Board. Any substantive changes to the agreement will come back to the Board for approval. Janis Cheney moved the motion and David Lauth seconded. Approved unanimously.

Report from Ian Evison regarding January Congregational Staff Meeting:

Ian Evison reported a healthy movement forward. He is seeing investments in areas that will help sustain the growth of the organization. Lisa Presley also added to the discussion. The technology that is being brought to the organization will create collaboration and transparency. There was also a real sense of liveliness, positive morale, and that good things are to come.

Report on Nominating Committee Progress:

Eric Huffer reported that the Nominating Committee is having a difficult time locating candidates to fill open positions. The Nominating Committee welcomes support from MAR Board Members in identifying potential candidates for leadership positions.

Check-In Regarding April Face-to-Face Meeting:

Discussion ensued about arrangements and logistics for reaching out to local congregations for Sunday worship. Further discussion will occur at March Board Meeting.

Process Observer Comments:

David Lauth mentioned that even with several missing Board Members, there was good participation and discussion, especially with respect to the APF and the December 2017 Minutes. As advocate, Eric Huffer added that marginalized communities are being considered, including in the review of the Nominating Committee process.

Closing Words:

Eric Huffer shared closing words from Martin Luther King, Jr.

Adjournment:

Tammy Lemmer moved for adjournment and Kyrie Bock seconded. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.