

MidAmerica Region, UUA
Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting
Saturday, August 25, 2018
Approved October 3, 2018

Trustees present: Brian Bach, Janell Hill, David Lauth, Tammy Lemmer, Sarah Oglesby-Dunegan

Trustees absent: Kyrie Bock, Omega Burckhardt, Dixie Collinson, Mitra Jafarzadeh

Regional Staff present: Ian Evison, Sharon Dittmar

Call to Order

Opening Words

Tammy shared a quote by Latina author Anita Castillo.

Consent Agenda

Sarah volunteered to serve as process observer. No advocate was appointed.

Approval of July 11, 2018 Board Minutes

Sarah moved and Brian seconded approval of the minutes. The motion carried.

Review of Financial Statements

Treasurer Brian highlighted aspects of the financial documents provided by Lisa Presley. Congregational giving was \$452,645 of a budgeted \$495,000. This was partially offset by an unexpected bequest. Overall there was \$650,355 in income compared to \$574,239 in expenses for a net income of \$76,115.

The figures reflect good fiscal restraint. Recommendations include continuing to reevaluate budget figures going forward, especially for 2020. The impact of the new AFP model will be important to watch as well. Members and staff are encouraged to track potential projects or purchases for future consideration.

The Board expressed its appreciation to Lisa for her work on the financials this year.

Formal Appreciation for Staff

Tammy made a motion expressing appreciation for the Regional Staff members, especially the administrative team, who worked through a number of challenges in the last year. Brian seconded the motion, and it carried.

Annual Program Fund Discussion

Brian reported that there was limited participation in the series of informational webinars hosted by the Board. No major concerns were raised during the sessions. Most congregations really just want to know the bottom line of the proposed changes.

Tammy made the following motion, seconded by Brian: The MidAmerica Regional Board moves to participate in the newly outlined Annual Program Fund Process in alignment with the UUA. The motion carried.

David will contact Vail Weller from Stewardship and Development with the update.

Board Goals

With so many board members absent, discussion of the Board goals was postponed.

Bylaws Review Workgroup

Brian moved and Sarah seconded the appointment of Tammy as the Chair of the Bylaws Workgroup. The motion carried.

Tammy provided a brief update of the timeline for submission of proposed changes. A newsletter article is expected to come out soon. Any comments will be reviewed by the committee in mid-September, with work leading to submission of the proposed changes in advance of the April 2019 Regional Meeting.

Process Observer Comments

Sarah noted that participation was strong among all in attendance. There appeared to be more time for reflection, and conversations were woven through the structure of the agenda.

Attendees reflected on their experiences, and it was noted that the remaining members were missed.

Closing Words

In honor of the Queen of Soul, Tammy shared a quote by the late Aretha Franklin.

Brian made a motion to adjourn, and Janell seconded. The motion carried.