

MidAmerica Region Board Meeting Minutes

May 3, 2022

Approved June 7, 2022

Present: Jim Moir, Dorit Bergen, Autumn Mahoney, Tammy Lemmer, Patty Notch, David Pyle, David Jackoway, Sharon Dittmar
Absent: McKenna Revel, Hans Kelson, Rae Jane Araujo

Tammy called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM EDT

Opening Words were given by Sharon

Check in

Motion to approve the minutes of the March 2022 Board meeting was made by Dorit and seconded by Patty. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of the 2022 Annual Regional Business Meeting was made by Patty and seconded by Autumn. Motion carried.

Regional Lead's Report

The report was in the packet. The Common Endowment Fund is not doing well so far this year but we are still \$79,000 up since December 2020. We are \$49,858 down since December 21, 2021. We will not have to dip into the fund this year because we will have a profit from programming.

Regional Assembly Debrief

The meeting went well, the staff managed the glitches extraordinarily well. 230 attended out of 320 registered but registered people can still view it later. We have received 60 evaluations so far, which is good. Nothing happened that offended or harmed anyone. Sharon thanked the Board for showing up on Whova before the Assembly and chatting,

etc. She said it really helped. We are about \$7000 up on the event, but that does not reflect the cost of the number of hours staff worked on the event. This will get us really close to our projected budgeted income. Many people paid at the \$50 rate, our people are generous and loyal. Good evaluations about the Keynote Speaker. We had a few ministers who were unhappy because they were not automatically delegates. David P doesn't understand that because everyone always has to certify, the same as for GA. He talked them through that but he wanted the Board to know that there was some "fussiness", especially since they were notified about this multiple times. We may have to be more proactive about this when we have something more controversial to vote on. One glitch that Tammy noted was that there were several errors on the Nominating Committee Slate. Next year, the Executive Committee should be on the lookout for errors before the annual meeting. We currently have a Board vacancy, a Nominating Committee vacancy and a MUUC vacancy.

Dorit moved to appoint Mel Priese and John Lunsford to the Nominating Committee for the term of 2022-2024, to be formally elected at the next Regional Assembly. Patty seconded. Motion carried.

Dorit moved to appoint Alison Albrecht as a representative from the Region to the Camp Unistar Board. Patty seconded. Motion carried.

Spring Retreat Debrief

Still To Do:

- Kathy has accepted our invitation to speak with us, David P suggested we try and set that up for June, Tammy will ask her.
- we talked about inviting the regional leads from central east and the southern districts to speak with us, perhaps one of them in July, to hear about their relationships with the UUA

- we will have a three-way covenant conversation with Jessica York and maybe Carey McDonald, David P suggested we have that conversation during our next retreat
- potential conversations with MUUC/MUUF
- History Committee, to formally create a charge and to name them as a committee of the Board, David J and Jim agreed to connect with the committee to start this process

Governing Policies

The Board reviewed the draft that David P sent out. Autumn moved to approve the 8 policies listed below. Patty seconded. Motion carried. The sense of the Board is that we should continue to ask David P to draft the other policies to present to the Board for discussion and approval. David P will come up with a draft plan, including a tentative timeline, for how to develop the rest of the governing policies.

Governing Policies Approved

Mission of the MidAmerica Board of Trustees of the Region (pg 16)

Covenant of the Board of the MidAmerica Region of the UUA (pg 17-18)

Duties of the Trustees of the MidAmerica Board of Trustees (pg 19)

Responsibilities of the MidAmerica Regional Lead to the MidAmerica Board of Trustees (pg 20 – 22)

Executive Committee of the MAR Board of Trustees (pg 23)

Governance Expenses (pg 25-26)

Regional Lead Succession, Selection, and Hiring (pg 31)

Standing Committees and Task Forces of the MidAmerica Board of Trustees (pg 33)

Scholarship Update

David P will be meeting with the senior minister of one of our congregations to enable one of their lay leaders of color to attend GA as a delegate of that congregation. We will probably supply about \$1500 of the cost, with the congregation supplying some money as well.

Process Observation

Closing Words were given by Patty.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:56 PM EDT

Respectfully submitted by Dorit Bergen, secretary