

April 12, 2018 Minutes
Live Oak UU Fellowship Board of Trustees
90 Athol Ave., Oakland, CA 94606

Board Members Present: Jim Freschi, Lisa Fry, David Fry, Richard Stromer, Judith Heller

Jim called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with song and opening reading.

1. **Approve/Modify Agenda.** Two items were added to the agenda: Richard added Adult RE (religious education) and Annual Meeting Plans.
2. **Approval of Minutes.** March 8 minutes were approved by the board by email.
3. **Treasurer's Report & Finance.** David reported that the fellowship has \$35,000 in the checking account and \$2401 is left in our current budget. The Finance Committee (David Fry, Niels Kjellund, Mary McKay and Roger Hallsten) had a meeting on Sunday April 8 (David Fry, Niels Kjellund, Mary McKay, and Roger Hallsten); the committee primarily discussed creating an Investment Committee. The main effort would be to analyze priorities and how to rebalance assets, e.g. It was suggested that \$15,000 be moved from the checking account into a money market account.
 - **Motion:** A motion was made by Richard Stromer to create an Investment Committee with members appointed by the board and quarterly reports made to the board.
 - **Judith:** Seconded
 - **All:** Unanimously in favor.
 - **Motion:** A motion was made by Richard Stromer to add The Treasurer to the Fidelity Account Authority
 - **Judith:** Seconded
 - **All:** Unanimously in favor.
4. **Stewardship Plans.** David and Jim are planning three parties (Fry's house, church and an Alameda residence to be determined). Jim, as President, will write a letter to the congregation and make an announcement at this Sunday's service. David is preparing pledge cards. Theme will be "Dreams for the Future."
5. **Annual Meeting.** The upcoming meeting will be June 10th at 4 pm at the church. All committees should submit reports with highlights of the past year and David will provide a budget.
6. **Jay's Expenses to UUA in Kansas City, MO.** Jim reported that the UUA will be giving the Cornish "Living the Mission" award to Jay Roller in recognition of his dedicated work on the Balazs Scholars program of Starr King School for the Ministry.

- **Motion:** A motion was made by Richard to provide \$800 as an honorarium for Jay's expenses.
 - a. **Judith:** Seconded
 - b. **All:** Unanimously in favor.

- 7. **Third Postcard Campaign results.** Only one person came to church after the last distribution/outreach to the community surrounding the church but a suggestion was made to try again unconnected to a holiday (The latest postcard was linked to Easter). The board will pursue the possibility of participating in the local Fourth of July parade as a different way to spread the word about our Fellowship.

- 8. **Farmer's Market Tablecloth.** Jim showed an example of our UU logo to be added to a tablecloth for outreach at the Alameda Farmer's Market. He had a tentative cost of \$200, however will look for a lower price. Lisa suggested that Jim get some help from others in the fellowship to attend the market.

- 9. **Memorial for Ruth.** Leslie Byrne reported that Ruth's estate will pay for the memorial. Bonnie Dlott, who was the minister at the Napa UU church when Ruth attended there, agreed to lead the service. The board discussed sending invitation to FUCO, the Napa church, the Veteran's Home, and the Point at Rockridge.

- 10. **Games Night.** Is set for April 28 (Judith & Jim will be out of town); pizza will be ordered.

- 11. **Adult RE.** Richard would like to start RE classes on the second Sunday in September and go through April, explore whether childcare will be needed, may look for a co-leader but it's not necessary.

- 12. **Looking Ahead: New Activities? Leadership Retreat? 10-Year Anniversary Plans.** Richard suggested a Leadership Retreat with the theme of looking back/looking ahead and finding a dynamic workshop facilitator to lead us.

Jim did a closing reading & led a song. Meeting adjourned 8:45 pm.

--Respectfully submitted by Judith Heller, Secretary

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