

January 12, 2017 Minutes
Live Oak UU Fellowship Board of Trustees
90 Athol Ave., Oakland, CA 94606

Board Members Present: Bernadette Alexander, Kathryn Duke, Roger Hallsten, Jay Roller. Jim Freschi participating by phone.

Others Present: Lisa Fry, David Fry

Jay called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm and Kathryn did an opening reading.

1. **Agenda:** Approved with two additional items: Womens March, UU Partner Church Council.
2. **Approval of Minutes.** The November minutes have been approved by email.
3. **Treasurer's Report & Finance.** We continue to be under budget in several areas. This is mainly due to us having only two worship services/month.
4. **Planning the Jan. 29 Congregational Meeting.** Meeting will include election of new board and nominating committee members, presentation of a proposed ByLaw amendment on number and quorum of board members, and general discussion about our congregation moving forward under a new President and Congress.
5. **Conflict resolution planning.** Roger proposed that Live Oak develop a general policy on conflict resolution within our congregation, for use if there is need for such a policy in the future. After discussion, it was informally agreed to address this potential situation by proactively identifying individuals known to our congregation as having appropriate background and availability to assist us in working through conflict involving Live Oak congregants and/or staff.
6. **UU Partner Church Council.** Jay described the work of the UU Partner Church Council, whose mission focuses on fostering and supporting partner relationships between UU congregations in the U.S. with Unitarian and Unitarian Universalist congregations in other countries where these relationships are sought.

Action: It was unanimously approved for our congregation to pay the \$50 annual dues to join this organization, as part of our ongoing commitment to help UU congregations in other countries.

Kathryn did a closing reading and Jay led the group in song.

Meeting adjourned 8:35 pm.

--Respectfully submitted by Kathryn Sáenz Duke, Secretary

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