

February 11, 2016 Minutes
Live Oak UU Fellowship Board of Trustees
90 Athol Ave., Oakland, CA 94606

Board Members Present: Bernadette Alexander, Kathryn Duke,
Roger Hallsten, Renee Harper, Jay Roller,
Jim Freschi

Others Present: Lisa Fry, David Fry

Jay called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm; Bernadette did an opening reading.

1. **Agenda:** Lisa asked to add a report on an interfaith group. The board unanimously approved the proposed agenda as revised.
2. **Approval of January Minutes.** These have been approved and posted.
3. **Treasurer's Report & Finance.** It appears we will end with a smaller deficit than was originally projected for this fiscal year.
4. **Consultant Evaluation Update.** Live Oak has inaugurated a mid-(fiscal) year process for committee members and their paid staff consultants to communicate verbally and in writing about past and future working relationships. The board heard reports from the Music and CYRE committees.
5. **Congregational Meeting Report.** There was discussion about timing of steps leading to congregational review and approval of a FY 2015-16 budget.
6. **2nd Sundays Going Forward.** Now that Live Oak has suspended our Second Sunday programming, the question was raised whether board should develop a policy for people who might sometimes propose to create and take full responsibility for an activity involving Live Oak members on one or more Second Sunday of the month.

Action: After brief discussion, the board unanimously agreed that any member or friend of Live Oak has always been, and will continue to be, welcome to use our listserve or other informal means of communication to organize an activity of potential interest. This activity could be happening on a Second Sunday afternoon, or any other time.

A. There is no need to develop a policy regarding a Live Oak member or friend who wants to organize an off-site activity that would be

(a) located outside Christ Episcopal, and

(b) not presented as officially sponsored by Live Oak.

B. If a Live Oak member or friend wants to organize an on-site activity-- on a Second Sunday afternoon or any other time--that person should bring their proposal to the Board for discussion and possible approval before announcing it to people in the congregation.

7. **Policy on Use/Reservation of Christ Episcopal Church.** The board also discussed the possibility that someone may want to plan and invite others to an event at Christ Episcopal Church that is not one of the regularly scheduled Sunday services/classes followed by a community meal. Such a possible event could be on a Second Sunday afternoon, or at other times. The board began some discussion on this, but postponed to a future date formulation of a formal policy for reviewing a proposal to rent space from Christ Episcopal Church in the name of Live Oak, for an activity consistent with our nonprofit status and UU Principles.
8. **Committee Reports.** There were brief reports from Music and CYRE Committees.
9. **Celebrating Renee.** As part of saying farewell to Renee Harper as a board member completing her term, all board members and guests participate in reading aloud Ode to Renee, a poem celebrating her many talents and contributions to Live Oak. The poem was created by Live Oak member Ruth Levitan, a poet whose presence is felt throughout Live Oak despite her living too far to be physically present at our events.

Bernadette did a closing reading; Jay led the group in song. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

--Respectfully submitted by Kathryn Sáenz Duke, Secretary

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