

Minutes – Thursday, February 7, 2013

Live Oak Board of Trustees Meeting

David & Lisa Fry's apartment

Board Members Present: Kris Arrington, Kathryn Duke, Kate Hand, Darlene Pagano, Jay Roller
Guests: David Fry, Lisa Fry, Peter Hand

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Kris read opening words and we lit the chalice.

Approve/Modify Agenda: Approving a new charity (ORAM) was added to the agenda . Moved, seconded, and approved unanimously as modified. Minutes of January Board meeting were approved by email.

Finances: We are 7 months into the fiscal year. Expenses are lower than budgeted. New Board members had questions about several line items in the budget (what they represented, e.g.). David Fry answered their questions and encouraged them to feel free to continue to ask questions. He explained that the "Good Neighbor" line item tracks only the cash put in the collection plate for charities. We actually give far more when we include the checks people write directly to the charity. Lisa Fry keeps a spread sheet of the total given to each charity.

Moving Money to a Community Bank: Darlene Pagano explained that Mechanics Bank gives a \$250 bonus at the end of the year to organizations that put \$25,000 into a checking account. She recommends doing that. The money can be transferred from checking into savings. David will check to see how much we must maintain at Chase in order to not have fees and will research this decision further.

Election of Officers: The slate below was created at the meeting and unanimously approved.

Darlene Pagano – President
Kris Arrington – Vice-President
Jay Roller – Treasurer
Kathryn Duke – Secretary

Pastoral Support Proposal: Kris Arrington presented the proposal worked out with the Caring Committee and Rev. Ben Meyers. The board is in favor of it as written, but asked that Kris run it past Ben to be sure it said what he expected.

Grant Proposal & Contingencies: The Growth Committee has offered us the \$5,000 we requested from the New/Emerging/Satellite Congregations Fund, but with two contingencies. Following discussion, the Board moved, seconded, and unanimously approved a motion that Peter Hand, as the immediate past President of the Live Oak Board continue as the coordinator with the Growth Committee and that he ask them for more information on what exactly they mean by the two contingencies and also for an explanation of how those were added.

New Charity: Jay Roller had asked that we approve having the collection on March 17th go to ORAM, Organization for Refuge, Asylum, and Migration for LGBT people in countries where they are endangered. Moved, seconded, and approved unanimously.

Feedback: Feeling good, energized; exciting that we are growing; board process is good with combination of discussion, action, and humor.

Kris read our closing reading and the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Action Items – for Board members and guests

- David & Jay will investigate moving money to Mechanics Bank.
- Kris will affirm that the Pastoral proposal is OK with Rev. Ben Meyers.
- Peter will contact the Growth Committee to discuss the grant proposal contingencies.

Action Items Continued from Previous Meetings

- Finance committee will send thank you's for upcoming FY pledges
- Darlene will find some alternative dates for the New UU class; Lisa will confirm if space is available at CEC (or THOT)
- Peter will amend the excel file to include cyclical item calendar. Lisa will create a doc with that info.