

March 9, 2017 Minutes
Live Oak UU Fellowship Board of Trustees
90 Athol Ave., Oakland, CA 94606

Board Members Present: Jim Freschi, Lisa Fry, Roger Hallsten, Judith Heller

Others Present: David Fry

Jim called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm and Jim did an opening reading and led us in song.

1. **Agenda:** Moved this up here: Lisa added agenda item of receipt of monies from our UU Partner Church for Zsuzsa Barta's airfare; Jay will be reimbursed.
Approved.
2. **Approval of Minutes.** The February minutes have been approved by email.
3. **Treasurer's Report & Finance.** Looks like the budget will show a surplus this year; Ginny Irving & Jay Roller will train as bookkeeper backups for David Fry; David bought new checks & took Darlene Pagano off as a signer for checks and Jim Freschi was added, joining Roger, David, Jay Roller and Lisa Fry. Investment Committee includes Niels and Roger. Mary MacKay has offered to be on that committee. She will be invited to participate.
4. **Stewardship.** Roger initiated a discussion about stewardship as our fellowship is entering its 9th year and he'd be willing to take charge of the stewardship efforts; everyone agreed to send out a mailing of pledge letters starting April 2 and the board will host a celebration dinner near the end of September, perhaps to include Kim Rankin as guest director leading a sing-a-long; Lisa suggested including member testimonials at services; discussion on when to ask new people to become members would be after attendance at 5 services.
5. **Policy for Ruth's Gift.** The Board reiterated that Ruth's financial gift was given without any restrictions. The Board did adopt a policy in October 2015 to limit cumulative deficit spending to \$20,000. Since the fellowship is now only programming worship twice a month, we do not expect to budget deficits.
6. **Brainstorming Ways to Grow our Membership.** Lisa & Jim led a discussion on value of ads and it was decided to continue with the ad campaign with Lisa indicating that one person responded and attended services; discussion continued on possibly advertising on Facebook & Next Door; Jim will pursue a targeted postcard campaign in the area surrounding the church.
7. **Social Events.** Lisa will ask the church about reservation for the next Games Night on Saturday April 29 with pizza served; Kathryn and Ximena suggested fellowship participation in Earth Day activities on April 22.

8. **New 4th Sunday Discussion Group.** Lisa said there were 6 people at the discussion group with lively talk about the current political environment, feelings; the group decided on ongoing meetings to be held on 4th Sundays, as long as there is interest.
9. **Music Update.** Judith reported that the Music Committee (Jay, Judith, Richard, Sally) met recently & discussed an upcoming meeting with Christopher to say how pleased we are with his music contribution and to encourage him to be more directive with the choir; new soprano Casey Gardner joined the choir!
10. **CYRE, Membership Update.** Lisa reported we now have 40 members, unfortunate that Live Oak is losing Jackie Jenks and her kids; we now have only three kids attending regularly and one other who comes less regularly. Brooke Bishara, teacher, comes once a month but still no candidates for replacement of her position; Lisa said ad focus could be on families.
7. **How is the fellowship doing?** Lisa reported that she would continue to attend the All Faiths Coalition meeting in Alameda along with Kathryn & Jay. Some of their focus now is on helping immigrants and refugees in Alameda; additional discussion indicated that the fellowship is doing well.

Jim did a closing reading and led the group in song. Meeting adjourned 8:45 pm.

--Respectfully submitted by Judith Heller, Secretary

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