

April 13, 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, Lisa Fry
Others Present: David Fry

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

1. **Agenda:** Jim added agenda item of arranging rides for Ruth Levitan to Live Oak services.
2. **Approval of Minutes.** The March minutes have been approved by email.
3. **Treasurer's Report & Finance.** Roger reported that the budget is under spending since moving to only two Sunday services; David will create a petty cash fund.
4. **Stewardship.** David reported that 5 pledges have been received with 3 increases equaling a total of \$8,500 thus far. Lisa will send out two more letters; David will bring blank pledge cards to church this Sunday in order to initiate additional contributions; Jim will announce Games Night at the service this Sunday.
5. **Games Night.** Games Night is scheduled for April 29 with the Board bringing food; Lisa will be asking for RSVPs; testimonials on what Live Oak means to them will be by Matt Lovering and possibly Roger; Judith suggested we lead the song "Take Me Out to the Ballgame."
6. **Growing our Membership/Postcard Campaign Details.** Jim reported that Vista Print 4x6 postcards would cost 15 cents each for 200 with color on front and black and white on the back; Catprint would be higher quality printed on better card stock; InfoUSA requires a 500 address capture minimum for \$100 and provides an Excel spreadsheet with an extra \$50 charged for mailing labels.
7. **Replacing Nancy Balassi for Potluck Cleanup.** After 6 years of dedicated trolling for volunteers for cleanup, Nancy is stepping down; Roger suggested some sort of gift of appreciation and a public announcement of appreciation in a Sunday service; Lisa suggested that all willing potluck participants be assigned a date for cleanup organized by alpha and then it would be each person's responsibility for working out a change if they're unable to come; Roger will make an announcement of this change starting in June.
8. **Charitable Donations Announcement.** Since the inception of Live Oak, we've collected and donated more than \$50,000 to other non-profits; Jay Roller suggested a note to UU World and the Alameda Sun; Lisa will create a press

release for Jim's approval; an announcement will be made in an upcoming Sunday service.

9. **Dog Policy.** Two small dogs were brought to a recent service and a discussion by board members decided to provide a reminder to all greeters that "only service dogs are allowed to be present during our services."
10. **Music Update.** Judith reported our choir director is ill and requested some time off. Jay has a call scheduled with him and follow-up will be provided at a later date.
11. **CYRE Update.** Lisa reported that a new job description for a teacher for our children is now on our website and notification was sent to Pacific School of Religion and Starr King School for the Ministry; a discussion ensued about Jay & Kathryn's recent visit with the Fremont UU church about possibility of "sharing" the position; it was decided that it wouldn't work because Fremont provides employee status and Live Oak provides contractor status.
7. **How is the fellowship doing?** Everyone agreed that the meeting tonight was fruitful.
8. **Rides for Ruth.** Discussion about how to provide transportation to services; the Caring Committee approved a taxi ride costing \$30 for a recent service; Lisa said that The Point (where Ruth lives) has a van and Roger will discuss with Ruth the possibility of going by Point Van and being driven home by Live Oakers.

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

--Respectfully submitted by Judith Heller, Secretary

Live Oak creates loving community through worship and service to others.