

Minutes – May 1, 2014 Live Oak UU Fellowship Board of Trustees Meeting

90 Athol Ave., Oakland, CA 94606

Board Members Present: Jay Roller, Kathryn Duke, Roger Hallsten, Renee Harper

Board Member Absent: Kate Hand. **Others Present:** David Fry, Lisa Fry, Darlene Pagano

Jay called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. Kathryn did an opening reading.

- 1. Agenda and Minutes:** The agenda was presented and approved.
Decision: After making one small change, April minutes were unanimously approved by the four board members present.
- 2. Treasurer's report.** Because this is so early in the month, David does not yet have updated numbers on our expenditures and funds remaining. However, he presented a draft of the FY 2014-15 budget, now in a revised format that is easier to read and understand.
Decision: After a good amount of time spent by all the board reviewing and discussing various items within the new draft, that draft was unanimously approved.
- 3. Report on Endowment/Investment.** Roger has put Ruth Levitan's major donation into a Mechanic's Bank nine month CD. The Finance Committee is now gathering information on endowment funds in church organizations. They will develop a recommendation for the Board to discuss at a later meeting regarding creation of an Endowment Committee and its rules of operation.
- 4. Nominating Committee.** The Nominating Committee is putting forth Bernadette Alexander as its candidate to complete Kate Hand's term when she leaves the Board. This recommendation will be put to a vote at the next Congregational Meeting.
- 5. Possible ByLaw Language on procedures for filling a vacant board term.** There was general discussion about the advisability of Live Oak having language describing one or more scenarios involving a vacancy in an unexpired board term, and setting forth the process to use for filling a vacancy. A separate question is whether any such language should become part of our fellowship's ByLaws, or instead be one of our written policies. This item will be revisited at the next board meeting.
- 6. How are the board and fellowship doing?** Individual board members returned to themes that arose during the previous board meeting, regarding the impact on our congregation of founding members moving away. We need to think about our priorities: grow our numbers and at the same time offer more programming. How to do this without expecting too much from individual members and friends of our fellowship? There are hopes and plans to do this.

Kathryn gave a closing reading. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

--Respectfully submitted by Kathryn Sáenz Duke, Secretary

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