

**May 11, 2017 Minutes**  
**Live Oak UU Fellowship Board of Trustees**  
90 Athol Ave., Oakland, CA 94606

**Board Members Present:** Jim Freschi, Lisa Fry, Roger Hallsten, and Judith Heller (via phone conference call)

**Others Present:** David Fry

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

1. **Agenda:** David added the draft budget to the agenda.
2. **Approval of Minutes.** The April minutes have been approved by email.
3. **Treasurer's Report & Finance.** Preparing budget for upcoming Congregational meeting in June, Roger reports about \$10,000 under budget for this point in the year, primarily because of cutting back on our services.
4. **Stewardship Report as of this week.** David estimated this year's pledges at \$29,374 compared to last year's of \$30,694. Six additional people need to be contacted and Roger & David will split up the list.
5. **Budget for Next Year.** David reported that the final budget will be available at our next board meeting on June 8 in preparation for the congregational meeting on June 11. David reported more money was paid out this year for choir parts with little coverage, i.e. soprano, bass.
6. **Growing our Fellowship/Postcard Campaign: Costs and Content of Cards.** Jim reported that the address labels have arrived, \$150 for a list of 500 including an excel spreadsheet. Jim and Lisa are working on the design and may ask another church member for help. Jim suggested first sending out 100 to see if we receive a response and then continue with an additional 150. Roger suggested we don't hold back since we have budgeted \$500 and have the money.
7. **Other Ideas for Growing our Fellowship.** Lisa suggested that we encourage ourselves and others to bring our friends. Roger asked whether we should ask that those that bring a friend introduce them to the congregation.
8. **Publicizing our >\$50,000 in Donations.** Jim said he would write a press release and send it to Lisa to distribute it. She will send it to the UUA, the Pacific Western Region, and local Alameda papers.

- 9. Potluck Dishwasher, Change of System.** Roger reported that 14 had already agreed to be on a schedule. Each person would then be responsible for getting someone to replace them if they can't do it on their scheduled time. Roger will send occasional reminders.
- 10.-Looking for Staff for Children & Youth Religious Exploration (CYRE).** There has been no response on the CYRE front and Kathryn continues outreach.
- 11.Other Adult and/or Family Activities.** Roger said he'd be planning another visit to the UC Botanical garden on a free day and wanted to schedule dates for the next Games Night and the Homecoming Celebration, sometime in September to note the start of a new church year.
- 12.Music Update.** Judith reported that our choir director has been unable to attend practices. The Music Committee and Personnel Committee sent a letter of termination and Jay has sent out a job description, there's one possible candidate.
- 13. How is the fellowship doing?** Everyone agreed that the meeting tonight was fruitful.

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

*--Respectfully submitted by Judith Heller, Secretary*

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