

Minutes – June 5, 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:** Bernadette Alexander, Lisa Fry, Richard Strohmer

Jay called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. He also did the opening reading.

- 1. Agenda and Minutes:** The agenda was presented and approved. May minutes were unanimously approved by the four board members present.
- 2. UUA Affiliation/Emerging Congregation Status.** Lisa presented an email message she received from the UUA asking about our plans for moving from “emerging congregation” status to becoming a UUA member. The board discussed answers she would give to these questions.
- 3. Treasurer’s report.** All of the pledges but two will be in by the end of the month, which is also the end of our fiscal year. The high number of people who pay their pledges by automatic account withdrawals makes it easier for the congregation to have its total pledge payments match the amount of pledges paid in full.
- 4. June Congregational Meeting.** Most of this is already planned: 2014-15 budget presentation and discussion, election of someone to fill a recent vacancy on the board following Kate Hand’s move, announcement of a major gift from Ruth Levitan, and followup discussion of comments and hopes expressed earlier this year by people participating in house parties organized by the Stewardship Committee.
- 5. Congregational Evaluation Survey re Every Sunday Programming:** There was general discussion of how successful ESP has been, to date, in helping us move toward increased number of visitors, friends, and members. It was the sense of the group that we need to have a larger discussion about what we want for Live Oak’s future and how to move ahead with specific steps. The survey is postponed until after the June 28 retreat that will be looking at Live Oak’s next 5 years.
- 6. Leadership Retreat.** Members planned their participation in the June 28 Leadership Retreat.
- 7. July 4 plans.** There will be no Live Oak float this year. Instead, all Live Oak members and friends will be invited to watch the parade together from the sidelines.

Jay gave a closing reading and led the group in song. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

--Respectfully submitted by Kathryn Sáenz Duke, Secretary

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