

June 9, 2016 Minutes
Live Oak UU Fellowship Board of Trustees
90 Athol Ave., Oakland, CA 94606

Board Members Present: Kathryn Duke, Roger Hallsten,
Jay Roller, Jim Freschi

Board Member Absent: Bernadette Alexander

Others Present: Lisa Fry, David Fry, Richard Stromer

Jay called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm; Kathryn did an opening reading.

1. **Agenda:** The board unanimously approved an agenda revised to add items regarding having a Vice President, signing our lease with Christ Episcopal Church for the coming year, and discussing whether to continue with three worship services per month.
 2. **Approval of April Minutes.** These have been approved by email and will be posted.
 3. **Treasurer's Report.** Roger reported that it appears we will end this fiscal year with a smaller budget deficit than originally projected: somewhere between \$4000 -\$5000 instead of the \$11,700 deficit earlier projected earlier.
 4. **Stewardship Report.** Roger led a discussion about having a special dinner in September because there was not a spring celebration dinner at the end of the pledge drive. He will follow up on finding someone(s) who will make the food and provide some entertainment.
 5. **CYRE Report.** Kathryn reported that Brooke Bishara will be leaving Live Oak after her contract ends at the end of this month. For the two following months we will return to our congregation's earlier activity of having different volunteers take the children to a nearby park to play while their parents are in the worship service. At some point in the fall we will resume our committee's search to find another staff person to support our program for children and youth.
 6. **Worship and the Number of worship services per month.** The board discussed the implications of another of our key staff people—Pamela Gehrke-- leaving the end of July and after Brooke's departure a month earlier. There was much discussion about the implications of losing these two outstanding people, and then further discussion on the ability and willingness of our congregation to continue with a schedule of three worship services per month.
- Action:** The board unanimously voted to returning to a schedule of two worship services per month starting in August. The board's recommendation will be brought before the Congregational meeting happening June 12. At that meeting, everyone

present will discuss the history and current issues relating to this decision. Then the congregation will decide how to proceed, based on the votes of every member present at the meeting.

7. **Board Vice-President.** Jay raised the issue of our board needing to again have a Vice President who can move board business forward when the President is unavailable. He has spoken with Bernadette about taking on this role because she is the board member who has more seniority than the other board member who is not already an officer.

Action: The board unanimously voted to have Bernadette Alexander serve as the Board Vice President until the next officer election is held.

Kathryn did a closing reading; Jay led the group in song. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

--Respectfully submitted by Kathryn Sáenz Duke, Secretary

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