

Minutes – Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Live Oak Board of Trustees Meeting

David & Lisa Fry's apartment

Board Members Present: Lisa Fry, Peter Hand, Darlene Pagano, Ruby Reay, Vicky Jensen

Guests Present: None

Called to order at 7:20 p.m. Lisa read our opening words. We lit the chalice.

Approve/Modify Agenda: Our agenda this month was essentially the same as last month's. Darlene requested one addition, a discussion of membership expectations. Approved as amended.

Consent Agenda/Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the last meeting will be approved on-line.

Financial Report: Darlene reported that Jody Savage has joined the Finance Committee. The committee has had two conference calls this month. In January, they will meet face-to-face. We opened a savings account with \$15,000, moved from our checking account which still has about \$8,000 remaining in it. People are keeping up-to-date with their pledges and there are no concerns right now. The committee has begun planning the spring stewardship campaign.

Location Survey Review: The team does not have anything concrete to report in December, as hoped. But they do hope to make a report on progress in January. David Fry has contacted a couple of venues which seem very promising and are interested in having a discussion with us. The team is meeting again this weekend (Nov. 27). Darlene suggested that the committee should add to its list of needs the need for nursery space.

Interim Sundays (2nd, 4th, and occasional 5th Sundays): Lisa will get a survey out to the congregation to affirm the desire to expand the number of times we meet per month.

Mission Statement and More: Peter has been in touch with Jeanelyse Doran Adams, PCD staff, about a listening project to lead into our mission statement development. Jeanelyse will be happy to work with us and suggested, as a first step, that Peter contact a person at the North Bay Community Church (Napa) to discuss the system they used.

Small Group Ministry: Lisa will include questions about this in the survey (above). Again, it was suggested that we begin by offering Bill Moyer's *Faith & Reason* series. We will look for dates in January to do this.

Accessibility Status: No further movement on this. Lisa will contact the access specialist and see if he will come assess possibilities at The Home of Truth.

Social Justice Discernment: Darlene has spoken with Debra Temple and Vera Gassner who volunteered to work on this project. One other member may be interested, too. Peter will contact someone at Kehilla, Montclair Presbyterian, and the Islamic Cultural Center to learn more about how they team together.

Date for Next Board Meeting: Because the next scheduled board meeting conflicts with choir practice, the date will be moved to Thursday, December 30. All board members are available.

Membership Expectations: Darlene raised a topic that has currently been discussed on the UUA's money listserv. More and more churches are, at least, discussing making an expectation of membership include a contribution – of money or of service. Several board members expressed concern about this, wanting to be sure we are open and welcoming to those in need who are not in a position to give back at some point in their lives.

How Are the Board and Fellowship Doing? Some expressed impatience, wanting to move forward, to grow. Some feel anxious that we don't know for sure where we will be meeting for worship ultimately and that some decisions must wait for that info. Our worship continues to be strong and meaningful, but other areas need attention. We need to stay aware that we may unconsciously be becoming insular and not as open to new people as we wish to be.

Lisa read our closing reading and the meeting was adjourned.

Action Items – for Board members and guests

- Peter will contact the Napa congregation about the listening program they used.
- Ruby will communicate with the Location Search team about needing a report in January instead of in December.
- Lisa will create a survey regarding weekly worship and covenant groups.
- Lisa will set dates and publicize the Bill Moyers video.
- Lisa will contact the Accessibility Specialist and set up an appointment.
- Peter will connect with the members of the interfaith group (Kehilla, Islamic Cultural Center, and Montclair Presbyterian)

Action Items -- Remaining from previous lists

- Lisa will create and distribute a survey to determine people who will offer assistance the PAs, as needed
- Lisa will write up info on Small Group Ministry and attempt to determine who is interested (sign up at potluck and on-line)
- Kate Hand will investigate advertising rates
- David will contact Leo's Audio about their cost proposal
- Lisa will investigate curricula for new member orientation
- Lisa will get more info on using the district visitor survey and using their surveymonkey account