

Minutes -- Tuesday, July 28, 2009
Live Oak Board of Trustees Meeting
David & Lisa Fry's apartment

Board Members Present: Lisa Fry, Peter Hand, Bill Pezick, Ruby Reay, and Sharon Slaton
Guests Present: Robert Mittman, David Fry

Peter Hand, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. We had a brief check-in and Ruby Reay read an opening reading. We welcomed Robert Mittman.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as written. Treasurer Bill Pezick reported we subscribed to Quickbooks on-line, which allows two individuals to access the data (Bill and David Fry). The next step is to set up a clear methodology for reporting our financials to the board and the congregation on a regular basis. He and David will have a chart of accounts for the coming year before the next Board meeting and will strive to have a budget proposal as well. Bill also reported he is awaiting answers from the UUA on some questions the Live Oak 501(c)(3) team had before filing for our tax-exempt status.

Ruby then led the group in a "personal ministry exercise," one several members of Live Oak were introduced to when they attended the Big Ideas for Small Congregations workshop. The Board affirmed that doing this short exercise was very useful and would be a good way to start the congregational meeting on August 23rd where we will all create Live Oak's shared ministry or vision. Robert Mittman discussed his ideas for a process for that meeting. The Board and Robert, who has generously agreed to facilitate the process, are excited about the plans for that day and look forward to a process that is both spiritual and practical. We decided to hold this meeting in the garden cottage at the Home of Truth.

Next the Board brainstormed some ideas to share with the co-chairs of our children's religious education program (Laura Prickett and Kathryn Duke).

We had a brief discussion of an on-line calendar. Ruby will investigate yahoo groups to see about using that as our calendar resource. She also will set up a Board yahoo group.

We decided we do not need to have formal congregational meetings monthly anymore, but tabled further discussion of how frequently we do need to meet. Lisa will let Darlene Pagano know that we do not need the dates Darlene has reserved for our meetings.

We agreed to have an on-line vote (members only) to approve the bylaws as revised. The revision deals with changing our fiscal year (from a January-to-December year to a July-to-June year). David Fry will check the UUA money listserv to learn what other churches have done. Once the Board approves the revision, Lisa Fry will email the bylaws to our membership along with a link to a Doodle poll.

Two discussions were tabled until the next Board meeting: 1) when to elect members of the nominating committee; 2) budget.

We agreed to use Roberts' Rules of Order, as needed, for Board meetings. Ruby will find the mini-version of Roberts' Rules and distribute to the Board members.

The Board decided to meet from 7:00-9:00 p.m. instead of 7:30-9:30 p.m. We will try that at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.