

## Minutes – September 11, 2014 Live Oak UU Fellowship Board of Trustees Meeting

90 Athol Ave., Oakland, CA 94606

**Board Members Present:** Jay Roller, Roger Hallsten, Renee Harper (by phone)

**Board Members Absent:** Bernadette Alexander, Kathryn Duke

**Others Present:** Lisa Fry, David Fry

*Jay called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m and read the opening reading. We connected with Renee by phone (home with a back problem).*

1. **Agenda and Minutes:** The agenda was presented and approved with one addition (Climate March). August minutes were already approved by email.
2. **Treasurer's report and finance.** Board members find the new formatting much easier to understand. David was able to answer a few questions that Renee had. Roger noted that he particularly liked the report tonight.
3. **New Site Update.** The only news here is that Lisa, Jay, and Kathryn sent an email to Rev. Stephen McHale of Christ Episcopal Church letting him know that we are hoping the Guild Room will work for our fellowship meals, but know that it might not. For that reason, we are beginning to look at alternative locations for us to meet.
4. **Disruptive Person Policy: Preliminary Discussion.** Renee will send the text of the policy to Lisa who will take care of formatting the document. Because two Board members were absent, we put the vote for this on hold until our October meeting.
5. **Bookkeeper Consult.** David is still waiting to hear back from the accountant who works with Darlene at Race Forward. He will contact Darlene about this and will look for someone else if this person is not available. Meanwhile, he feels there is not as strong a need for this right now as he was able to make many of the changes he felt were necessary for the books and the reporting.
6. **January Leadership Retreat.** It was decided that we should also postpone this topic until October. One priority is to determine what topic(s) are important for us to address at a retreat. We will also discuss possible retreat facilitators at that time. Renee suggested looking at one issue at a time from things that arose during the previous retreat and seeing where we stand on each of those and/or moving forward on earlier ideas. Roger suggested that, in addition to Saturday retreat dates, we consider 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays and even 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays. Note: March 29 is the next possible 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday. (The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in November is Thanksgiving weekend.) Lisa offered to create a Doodle to see what Saturdays in January might work for a retreat.
7. **Paying Volunteers.** Jay noted that the Music Committee and choir members all agreed that Live Oak should pay a non-member volunteer to rehearse and sing with a section in need of a section leader. This may happen once a month for now. Jay wondered if we should also be

considering paying for someone to help with outreach/membership. Roger and Lisa, both on the membership team, felt that was not necessary right now. The board did approve paying for a Live Oak Meet-Up to see if it helps with growth. The Mission Peak UU congregation is using one and feels that it helps.

8. **Community Involvement.** We are beginning to move forward in this area, with gratitude to Renee who put together an excellent document on the topic with goals, objectives, and tasks/tactics to help a team move forward. She has spoken with two Live Oak'ers (one is a definite and one is considering it). Renee will check with one more person and Roger will ask another.
9. **Sunday Programming Survey.** Roger created some initial questions for the survey; Renee and Bernadette both offered further suggestions. Roger will send the accumulated questions to Lisa who will create a DRAFT survey (using surveymonkey). She will then send it to the board members for more input. We hope that it can be finalized in October and sent out to our congregation.
10. **Climate March.** Several people like the idea of us having a table at the NorCal People's Climate March on September 21. Bruce Langley is the Live Oak representative to the organizing group. Concerns about "tabling" are whether we have two knowledgeable people who willing to staff the table (and set it up and take it down). Renee will speak with Bruce. Roger will speak with another Live Oak'er who might be interested.

Jay offered a closing reading and led the group in song. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

*--Respectfully submitted by Lisa Fry, Acting Secretary*

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