Peter Hand, President of the Board of Trustees, called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m. Kate Hand led us in song (Gathered Here) to start the meeting. Peter lit the chalice with an opening reading. There were 14 attendees (13 members). Quorum was more than met.

Social Justice Ad Hoc Team: All nine members of this team requested that Live Oak vote to co-sponsor Alameda’s Harvey Milk Day activities. Darlene Pagano so moved; Jay Roller seconded. Passed unanimously. Darlene then noted that the team is looking for a permanent Social Justice team.

Treasurer’s Report: David Fry provided some copies of the budget as emailed earlier to the congregation. He and Darlene went over the details and explained the possibility that we might have to go into our reserves for as much as $5,000 as we prepare to go to every-Sunday services. Darlene, for the Finance Committee, moved the budget as presented be accepted. Lisa seconded for the Board of Trustees. The budget was passed unanimously.

Mission and Mission Statement: Peter explained the process used thus far – the listening campaign data followed by reviewing mission statements from other congregations and those submitted by members of Live Oak at three meetings open to everyone in the congregation. At the final meeting, one statement was selected by those present (and later by the Board). Peter presented that statement to the congregation. Following discussion, Peter suggested we see if had consensus on the statement. Though close, we did not have consensus, so the board will look at what our next steps should be.

Science & Religion – Demonstration: Because the mission discussion ran overtime, there was very little time left for the S&R demonstration. But Jody Savage presented sample materials (berries, toothpicks, and asparagus) and an exercise that is used for hands-on learning in the S&R curriculum.

In the short time remaining, people had a chance to socialize and share refreshments.