

**Minutes of Live Oak UU Fellowship Congregational Meeting
January 28, 2018
Christ Episcopal Church, Alameda, CA**

Call to Order.

Board President Jim Freschi called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm. Attending were 12 people, 11 of them members (the minimum number needed for a quorum is seven).

Opening.

Jim lit the chalice and read an opening reading chosen by Richard Stromer. Judith led the group in song.

Elect New Board and Nominating Committee Members.

David Fry and Richard Stromer were unanimously elected to the Board of Directors and Roger Hallsten was unanimously elected to the Nominating Committee.

Gratitude to those going off the Board and Live Oak's Tenth Anniversary.

Jim expressed appreciation for Roger Hallsten's contribution to the congregation as Board Treasurer for the past four years. Roger has been a Live Oak member since just after the Fellowship was started ten years ago. He organized botanical garden get-togethers, started the Annual Fall Celebration Dinner and set up a dishwashing schedule for our potlucks.

Jim announced that a celebration of Live Oak's 10th Anniversary is in the planning stage.

Finance Report.

Roger Hallsten gave his last report as Treasurer, reporting healthy reserves. The fellowship has spent less than we budgeted, primarily because of under-spending on the Music Committee and CYRE (as they each were without a paid professional for part of the year as they interviewed for new directors). And the Worship Committee also spent less than was budgeted for the year because they did not schedule as many guest speakers.

Membership Outreach Activity.

Jim Freschi reported that two special outreach communications have been mailed to the surrounding neighborhoods near the church and another mailing will be sent in the spring. Jim also plans to have a table in the local Farmer's Market as was done on Earth Day.

Reports from Various Committees.

"CYRE" Children & Youth Religious Exploration - (Sylvia Balding, Chair). Sylvia gave a brief report about JeKaren Olaoya's July start date as half-time DRE and how her great energy contributed to the children's program.

Membership Committee – (Lisa Fry, Chair). Lisa reported that our membership is currently at 38. The membership committee greets visitors at Sunday services and sends a welcome email to all guests who provide an email address and/or makes phone calls as outreach when new people attend. Lisa expressed needing assistance especially on the phone calls. Kathryn said Lisa can refer families with children to the CYRE for phone follow-up. Lisa noted that the current postcard outreach to the surrounding neighborhood has brought in new individuals and families to Live Oak services and that our last holiday concert in December had 100 people in attendance. Also briefly discussed was reaching out and asking if individuals are interested in becoming members of the fellowship if they've been attending on a regular basis. The Caring Committee is under the Membership Committee and includes Jay Roller, Sally Kennedy and Nancy Balassi and they reach out to members in need.

Discussion- Growing our Fellowship: Membership/Programs.

Jim discussed the two campaigns of outreach with targeted postcards being sent to surrounding neighborhoods and how successful it's been. Another postcard outreach will go out in the spring. A brief discussion ensued about reaching out to additional communities besides Alameda.

Closing.

Jim gave the closing reading and Judith led the group in a song.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm and everyone stayed for conversation and snacks provided by the board.

Respectfully submitted by Judith K. Heller, Board Secretary.

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