

Live Oak UU Fellowship Congregational Meeting
1700 Santa Clara Ave., Alameda CA 94501
January 29, 2017

Congregants Present: Jackie Roth, Ruby Reay, Bill Hieb, Lisa Fry, David Fry, Sally Kennedy, Nancy Balassi, Roger Hallsten, Bernadette Alexander, Richard Stromer, Jim Freschi, Darlene Pagano, Jay Roller, Kathryn Duke

1. Board President Jay Roller led us all in an opening song.

2. **By Laws re Number of board members.** Review and discussion of the following change: “The Board shall have a minimum of four (4) members...”
ACTION: Motion to approve carries: 12 ayes, 1 abstention.

3. **By Laws re Quorum.** Review and discussion of the following: “ A quorum for the Board to take an action of the Board is three (3) members, either in person or by telephone.”
ACTION: Motion to approve carries unanimously: 13-0.

3. **Board and Nominating Committee candidates.** The two candidates for Board are **Lisa Fry** and **Judith Heller**. Judith was absent due to illness, and Lisa spoke briefly to the group about her background and interest in serving. **Bill Hieb** spoke briefly regarding his nomination to a position on the Nominating Committee. Written ballots were distributed.
ACTION: All three candidates unanimously approved .

4. **Treasurer’s report.** Roger Hallsten presented on our congregation’s current budget and spending to date. Our spending is under budget, and we also have some financial reserves.

5. **Future congregational activities.** Jim Freschi led a discussion on everyone’s thoughts and ideas about moving forward in a changed governmental environment, according to our values. He reviewed the involvement of Unitarians in our country’s early days, and later in civil rights activism in the 1960s. Since our congregation’s founding in 2009, we have donated nearly \$50,000 to a variety of nonprofit, direct service organizations, and volunteered in our community. Everyone participated in a discussion on how we can and should move ahead in the days and months ahead for our local community and for our nation.
ACTION: Lisa, Ruby, and Jim will help organize an interfaith, support group gathering on the 4th Sunday of February. Out of that may come plans for suggested or planned efforts for us to “live our values” going forward.

6. Jay led everyone in closing singing.

Respectfully submitted, Kathryn Sáenz Duke, Board Secretary