

UU Live Oak Fellowship

April Business Meeting

Meeting Minutes

April 26th, 2009, 4-6 PM, Home of Truth, Alameda, CA

Opening:

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 PM on Sunday, April 26th, 2009 at the Home Of Truth in Alameda, CA. by Richard Stromer. Richard shared a centering prayer and lit the chalice. Peter Hand moderated the meeting.

Present:

In seated order: Bill Pezick, Sharon Slaton, Richard Stromer, Kim Rankin, Darlene Pagano, Jim Freschi, Vera Gassner, Kate Hand, Peter Hand, Elizabeth Keir, Lisa Fry, David Fry, Jody Savage, Ruby Reay, Ruth Levitan, Carol Thornton, Renee Harper, Dick Bailey, Kathryn Duke, Sally Kennedy, Debra Temple, Judith Heller, Jay Roller, and Jackie Jenks.

Childcare was provided by Sara Gassner.

A. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was reviewed and we decided we had a significant amount of business that needed re-working due to time constraints. We continued to prioritize the business throughout the meeting and did cover all of the items. See *LiveOakAgenda_April26009.doc* for original agenda.

B. Agenda

i. Worship-Richard Stromer

Richard reported that he would like to have a meeting with those interested in leading or participating in worship. There were individuals that he was in communication with who were free to meet on a weekend day to work together on next steps. The date will be communicated shortly. Everyone is welcome.

ii. Bylaws-Ruby Reay and Lisa Fry

The latest version of bylaws was shared (see *Rev Draft Bylaws_4-26.09.doc*) with changes/open items highlighted. We discussed the highlighted items and also discussed language for member removal and agreed we need a standard clause, as suggested by the UUA.

iii. UUA Affiliation Status- Lisa Fry

Lisa shared that we had submitted a request for affiliation with the PCD on March 27th, 2009. Cilla Raughley, the district executive, asked to meet with us to get to know us more.

Incorporation-David Fry

David shared that he is ready to personally submit the articles of incorporation and proceed with opening a bank account, but he had questions about certain language required in the bylaws for consistency. This discussion dovetailed into the 501(c)(3) discussion (next item). It was decided that we would wait to do this until the entire group of individuals working on the bylaws, articles and 501(c)(3) application could meet together to ensure that the entire suite of documents fit together where necessary.

iv. 501(c)(3) status-Jody Savage and Bill Pezick

Bill and Jody reported that they had spent time together the day prior to review their findings of what we needed to do to submit our application. The two of them discussed their understanding of what is required and to formulate a way of sharing both the seriousness, chronology and complexity of the process we are in the midst of. The group thanked them for their efforts for they have clearly spent a lot of time and energy on our behalf, and for that, we are grateful. Their report can be found in *501 report 4-09.doc*. The path forward is that the entire documents group will meet (date tbd) to ensure that the entire suite of documents fit together where necessary so we can have a smooth approval process.

v. Discuss Board officers-Peter Hand

The group elected, along with Lisa Fry who was previously elected, additional board members. They are Peter Hand, Bill Pezick, Sharon Slaton and Ruby Reay. Per our bylaws, some will serve 2-year terms and some 1-year (in order to set up staggered terms for the future). Terms were not decided.

vi. Big Ideas for Small Congregations Workshop – Darlene Pagano, Lisa Fry, David Fry & Ruby Reay

Darlene reported on behalf of the group attending that we all found this workshop extremely valuable. She shared that as part of the workshop, the attendees participated in the Defining Your Personal Ministry exercise (developed by Kathy Wimett) and suggested that we consider doing this as a group so we can explore what our gifts are and how we might share them with the larger community as a fellowship. It was clear that the entire group found the workshop extremely useful.

vii. Reminders, Announcements & Offering-Peter Hand/all

- Next worship: Kim Rankin is leading May 10th, Bob Hood and Jay Roller on June 14th.
- Next meeting: Sunday May 31st at a new location offered by Darlene Pagano.
- PCD will be in Fremont on May 1-3. Please consider attending, Lisa and David will be there.
- Offering taken to cover rental costs.
- Benediction- Richard Stromer
- Closing song-Kate Hand

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM. The next general meeting will be on Sunday, May 31st at a location offered by Darlene Pagano, details will be provided via email.

Minutes submitted by: Ruby Reay, June 1st, 2009

Approved the by the Board on: <insert date>