

Minutes of Live Oak UU Fellowship Congregational Meeting
June 8, 2014
Christ Episcopal Church, Alameda, CA

Call to Order. Board President Jay Roller called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm, noting that 13 members and two friends were signed in as present—a quorum.

1. **Opening.** Jay led the group in song.

2. **Filling unexpired board term.** Bernadette Alexander was presented as the Nominating Committee's candidate to fill the board term of Kate Hand. There was an invitation for other nominations; none were made.

Election of new trustee: Bernadette left the room. All members present unanimously voted to approve her as trustee for the board term ending December 31, 2014. She was welcomed back into the room as a new board member.

3. **Overview of proposed budget.** Treasurer Roger Hallsten distributed copies of the proposed budget, and reviewed some of its highlights. This is a deficit budget. We have had a deficit budget in past years, but always ended the fiscal year without a deficit. Budgeted expenses are up 5% from last year. Pledges are up 14%. Our main budget item is space rental. We're spending more for guest speakers at our services, which are happening more frequently than last year.

Budget approval. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved by all present to accept the FY 2014-15 budget presented at the meeting.

4. **Major gift.** Roger spoke about Ruth Levitan's generous donation of funds, to be used at whatever time the congregation decides on the best use of these funds. There was some discussion about potential uses of this money. There is no hurry in making a decision; the congregation will return to this topic throughout the future, as circumstances change or opportunities present themselves.

5. **Discussion of themes that emerged from earlier house party gatherings.** Those present broke up into three groups to discuss first in breakout groups, and then in a reconvened group, the many suggestions and wishes that emerged from people attending earlier gatherings. Different people have different items that are their top priority. These themes, and others, will be pursued at more length at the June 28 Live Oak Leadership Retreat.

6. **Closing Song.** The group sang Happy Birthday to Richard Stromer as David appeared with a birthday cake. Richard blew out all the candles.

--Respectfully submitted by Kathryn Sáenz Duke, Secretary