

Live Oak UU Fellowship
Congregational Meeting
March 13, 2011 (2:00-4:00 p.m.)
Home of Truth, Alameda

Peter Hand, President of the Board of Trustees, called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m. We started with a song, a reading, and lighting the chalice.

Agenda Approval: One item was added to the agenda (discussion of affiliation with the UUA). Richard Stromer moved, David Fry seconded the agenda be approved as modified. Unanimously approved.

Affiliation: Peter explained that the board began the process to gather the four letters of support needed to go with our application for affiliation. There was a request that we write a letter stating clearly certain boundaries that we will follow in order to allow the Oakland church to continue healing. Because the board did not want to rush into writing that, we are delaying our application process until the next cycle (summer time). There was some discussion about this topic.

Election:

For Nominating Committee (Vote for 1):

Sally Kennedy (2-year term)

For Board of Trustees (Vote for 3):

Lisa Fry

Peter Hand

Jody Savage

Each member was handed a ballot. Ruby Reay, whose term on the board of trustees had just ended, collected the ballots and announced the results: Trustees elected were Lisa Fry, Peter Hand, and Jody Savage. Elected to the Nominating Committee: Sally Kennedy. The group thanked Ruby for having served on the board for two years.

Searching for a New Location: We are moving forward slowly, looking at possible venues. Roger Hallsten will write up a short report on possible sites. David Fry will follow up with the minister at the Episcopal church in Alameda. It was suggested we have an opportunity for many members and friends to visit the site suggested before the arrangements are finalized.

Draft Budget: David Fry presented a first draft of a budget for the coming fiscal year and invited people to email him with suggestions for changes. Suggestions for change included more money for the choir director and to ask the Religious Education Committee to consider what supplies we need to have on hand.

Stewardship: David Fry and Roger Hallsten spoke briefly about the upcoming campaign, which will include several parties where people will have a chance to socialize, hear one another's wishes for the congregation, and make their pledges for the coming year.

Mission Discernment: Peter talked about some of his excitement seeing the young adults at General Assembly last summer. He was so impressed by them and felt that was a clear example of the strength of this faith. He also spoke about Mike Durall (author of *The Almost Church, Revitalized*) and Rev Thom Belote (author of *The Growing Church*). He – and the board – feel it's time for us, as a congregation, to determine carefully what is most important to us. Several district congregations have utilized versions of a process suggested by Jeanelyse Doran Adams, Director of Congregational Services for the district. Jeanelyse has agreed to work with us. More info will come.

Finance Report: David will issue a year-end report and send it to everyone (email). If anyone wants to see the report, year-to-date, they can let him know. We are doing well and have money in both savings and checking.

Lisa read a closing reading and Kate led us singing "We're Going to Keep On Moving Forward," a song which has great meaning for us all. The meeting ended at 3:40 and people had time to socialize.