

**Minutes of Live Oak UU Fellowship Congregational Meeting**  
**January 31, 2016**  
**Christ Episcopal Church, Alameda, CA**

**Call to Order.** Board President Jay Roller called the meeting to order at 4: 05 pm. Attending were nineteen people, sixteen of them members (the minimum number needed for a quorum is seven).

**Opening.** Jay led the group in song and lit the chalice. Richard gave an opening reading.

**Election.** Paper ballots were distributed to the members present for their consideration of the following candidates.

For a two-year term on the Board of Directors: Jim Freschi.

For a second term on the Board of Directors: Roger Hallsten.

For re-election to the Nominating Committee: Niels Kjellund.

There were no nominations from the floor. Paper ballots were distributed and then the results were announced.

**Action: All three candidates were unanimously elected.**

**Assisting before and after every worship service and potluck.** Renee Harper briefly described the assistance needed before and after every worship service. She passed around a signup sheet for people to indicate which kinds of assistance they are willing to provide and how often. The organization of volunteers will be supported by a website that automates much of the informing and tracking of volunteers.

**Whether/how to continue Every Sunday Programming.** Roger Hallsten summarized for the group the background information and questions that had been distributed earlier. These focused on gauging how much interest there is in continuing Every Sunday Programming by using the second Sunday of each month to have a discussion group, a class, a film series, or some other activity. After a brief overview of the history of Second Sunday programming and its current hiatus, people broke into small groups and then re-gathered to discuss as one group the following:

- (1) Should Live Oak Fellowship continue to present Second Sunday Programming, in order to have an activity at Christ Episcopal Church every Sunday afternoon?
- (2) If so, which kinds of programs or activities would be preferred for those Sundays?
- (3) Who would be interested and able to organize one or more of the ideas presented at the meeting, which would allow us to continue Second Sunday programming?

**General feeling of the group regarding Every Sunday Programming:** After much discussion involving everyone present, a consensus emerged that:

- (1) Live Oak is discontinuing regularly scheduled second Sunday programming.
- (2) We will return to announcing to the public that we offer worship services on the first, third and fourth Sunday of every month, and that there are other regular or one-time activities at various times of the month that may or may not be on Sunday afternoons.
- (3) The congregation and the board may also revisit the question of whether to change the current schedule for the three monthly worship services. For example, we may decide to offer worship services the first three Sundays of the month, or at another regular schedule.
- (4) Many of the people present had suggestions and hopes for activities on Second Sundays or other times for gatherings aimed at meditation, community service activity with some of the nonprofits to which Live Oak donates its offertory, discussion groups, outdoor hikes or picnics, working on social justice issues, etc. It was agreed that any member of the congregation who wants to take initiative in organizing such an activity may do so, using the Live Oak listserv or other types of communication with Live Oak members and friends.
- (5) The Board will develop criteria for when the Live Oak liaison to Christ Episcopal Church is authorized to request that Live Oak reserve and pay for space at Christ Episcopal Church on a Sunday afternoon, or possibly other times, for an activity that is in addition to the regularly scheduled worship services and subsequent community meals.

**Closing.** Jay led the group in a song and Richard gave a closing reading.

*Respectfully submitted by Kathryn Sáenz Duke, Secretary of the Board*