

Minutes – August 14, 2014 Live Oak UU Fellowship Board of Trustees Meeting

90 Athol Ave., Oakland, CA 94606

Board Members Present:

Jay Roller, Bernadette Alexander, Kathryn Duke, Roger Hallsten, Renee Harper

Others Present: Lisa Fry, David Fry

Jay called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Bernadette did the opening reading.

Agenda and Minutes: The agenda was presented and approved. July minutes have been approved by email.

Ongoing research and thinking about meeting space. Bernadette, a member of the Site Priorities and Research group, reported that she and the other group members have been reviewing and updating information on our congregation's priorities for meeting space. Our current situation is good, but because we do not own the building where we meet for most of our congregation's activities, we should continually review information on our congregation's priorities and resources, and on resources in the Alameda community.

Treasurers Report & Finance. There was discussion about the best way to present budget information that reflects Live Oak's realities. The Board encouraged David, who serves as Live Oak's volunteer bookkeeper, to meet with a consultant to help him prepare monthly and annual budget statements that require less time to create and present information in the format most relevant to our Board and congregation.

Disruptive Person Policy. Renee presented the current draft of a proposed policy for our congregation on disruptive persons. Several members had comments that will be incorporated into another draft and circulated by email for further review and comment.

Vice President Position. The Board has no Vice President now. There was discussion about why it might be useful to fill that position. This led to more general discussion about different hopes/ needs for the Live Oak board: continuity on the board (gives individuals time to gain experience and institutional memory, presumably from serving two terms) vs. involvement by and fresh perspectives from people newer to the board and to Live Oak. More thought will be given to this.

Update on Board liaisons.

Pastoral Care/Caring: Jay

Finance & Stewardship: Roger

Personnel: Kathryn

Worship: Jay

Music: Kathryn

Christ Church: Jay, Lisa, Kathryn

Site Priorities & Research: Bernadette

Community Service: Renee

Alameda Point Collaborative: Kathryn

Welcoming Congregation: Lisa

Children's RE & Safety: Lisa

Every Sunday Programming: Renee

Adult RE: Darlene?

Membership: Lisa, Roge

Community involvement action plan. As part of the followup to the recent Board retreat, Renee presented a draft plan with goals, objectives, and tasks/tactics for Live Oak's community involvement activities. There was discussion about whether to add "social justice" language to the plan.

Membership and Outreach. Lisa has communicated with Linda Laskowski (UUA board member) regarding membership development. Lisa, Ginny, Judith, Roger are on the Membership committee. Darlene is helping with outreach.

Welcoming Congregation: Live Oak will be part of a National Coming Out Day event on October 11.

Adult RE/Every Sunday Programming. There was discussion about another congregational survey on Every Sunday Programming as it has unfolded these past months.

Bernadette gave a closing reading and the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

--Respectfully submitted by Kathryn Sáenz Duke, Secretary

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