

**Minutes – Thursday, May 17, 2012**  
Live Oak Board of Trustees Meeting  
David & Lisa Fry's apartment  
Minutes slightly revised, Nov. 2, 2012

Board Members Present: Kris Arrington, Lisa Fry, Peter Hand, Darlene Pagano, Jody Savage  
Guests Present: David Fry, Nanci Armstrong-Temple

Called to order at 7:15p.m. Kris read our opening words, we lit the chalice, and checked-in.

**Approve/Modify Agenda:** Modified the agenda to include time to hear a proposal from the Children's Religious Education committee, info and request regarding Harvey Milk Day. Lisa moved we approve the agenda as amended. Jody seconded. Unanimous.

**Pastoral Care:** Rev. Ben Meyers will work with us. Lisa will "introduce" Kris and Ben and send contact info to each of them. Kathy Crary was also suggested as a possible pastoral caregiver. Lisa will contact her. When Ben, Kris, and our caring committee (Sally Kennedy and Jay Roller) work it out, an outline of ministerial services available will be shared with the congregation. Contact with ministers will go through the caring committee members.

**District Assembly Follow-up:** Peter thought the Theatre of the Oppressed workshop was excellent and wants to bring them to Live Oak. Darlene found the Stewardship workshop quite worthwhile. Lisa got a possible contact for assistance for Live Oak through the Growth workshop. Kris said the workshop on evil was not as directly helpful as she had hoped. Overall, DA was not as invigorating as in past years. Afternoon workshop attended by all was of questionable value.

**Financials:** No new report since the congregational meeting (less than a month ago). The Finance team needs to get letters out to folks to let them know where they are on their 2011-12 pledge. And they need to get thank you's out to 2012-13 pledgers.

**Religious Education Committee:** We have had one teacher and one class covering children from 4-12 years of age. This coming year the CRE proposes dividing the kids as follows: 0-4 years (childcare); 4-8 years; and 8-12-ish. This requires hiring another teacher. The committee has someone in mind, but wants approval to do this. The board enthusiastically supported the proposal.

**Grant Proposal Update:** We have been assigned a mentor, though he says he cannot do anything with us until we complete the official application, which will not be ready or published until late summer or early fall. New rules require that applicant congregations be affiliated or sponsored by an affiliated congregation. When we began our proposal, we were the only "new" or "emerging" congregation in the district. But now efforts are being made to grow two new congregations on the Big Island in Hawaii. We will have some competition for our proposal.

**Alameda Point Collaborative:** Nanci Armstrong-Temple told us she met the recently-hired Youth Specialist for APC. Some services we can offer for them that they really need include:

- Working with parents to help them know how to advocate for their children in the schools
- Hold a back-to-school drive to get supplies for the children and youth
- Build up their tutoring program

In addition, Nanci has an idea to create a summer carnival for families at APC.

Lisa noted that we need to figure out how we are going to fund activities with and for APC. The Finance team will look at the best way to do that.

We do not want to lose ground in this process over the summer. We will look into using their internal newsletter to make connections and offer services, perhaps even rides to/from events. We will promote ways for our families to work with APC (farm and nursery on Saturdays; nursery on Sundays, e.g.). Peter, as our board president, will serve as the main contact with APC

**Harvey Milk Day Celebration:** Darlene spoke about our involvement as a co-sponsor of Harvey Milk Day this year. \$100 from the Social Justice fund in the budget will be used to purchase food and supplies for this event. The Wednesday evening Covenant Group is volunteering to help in addition to many from the SJ ad hoc team. Lisa will staff a table with info about Live Oak. Nanci will have a KidZone for younger children. To make it official, Jody moved and Lisa seconded that Live Oak be an official co-sponsor of Harvey Milk Day in Alameda in 2012. Approved: unanimous.

**Social Justice Coordination Team:** Darlene noted no one has stepped forward to serve on this team or to coordinate it. She will be involved, but will not be the chair. We divided up names of those who have served on the SJ ad hoc team and assigned board members to make personal contact with them to encourage them to serve. Kris will contact Judith Heller. Jody will contact Richard Arrington. Lisa will contact Renee Harper and Kathryn Duke. And Peter will contact Nancy Balassi.

**Mission Statement:** We need to have a statement ready for our next congregational meeting (July 29). The board will create/craft the statement with consultation from any congregants who wish to be involved. The statement will be presented for an up/down vote by the congregation without word-smithing. We will ask for feedback/ideas until a given date. Peter will write up an "invitation" to be read at the next worship service (by Jody because Peter will not be there).

**Science & Religion:** We still need additional teachers for this program, particularly those with interest and knowledge in physics, chemistry, and astronomy. Jody will check with Berkeley Fellowship of UUs to invite them to join us for this program and to see if they have any teachers.

**Christ Episcopal News:** Peter will contact with CEC Wardens (lay leaders) to try to get the coordination team going. We still need to ask them about the possibility of using their space on additional Sundays.

**How Are the Board and Fellowship Doing?** Some noted we are right where we need to be; things are going well; something created every time we, as a board, meet together; we need to push people a bit for more commitment

Kris read our closing reading and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

#### **Action Items – for Board members and guests**

- Kris will work with Jay, Sally, and Ben Meyers on pastoral support
- Finance committee will get letters out re FY pledges
- Finance committee will send thank you's for upcoming FY pledges
- Peter will connect with APC to establish direct relationship
- Finance committee will determine best way to fun activities for APC
- Lisa, Peter, Kris, and Jody will contact potential SJ team members
- Peter will write invitation for this Sunday's service and get it to Jody
- Lisa will solicit mission statements from the congregation
- Jody will contact BFUU re Science & Religion classes
- Peter will contact CEC's wardens