

Minutes – Wednesday, August 22, 2012

Live Oak Board of Trustees Meeting

David & Lisa Fry's apartment

Board Members Present: Kris Arrington, Lisa Fry, Peter Hand, Darlene Pagano, Jody Savage

Peter called meeting to order at 7:16 p.m. and read opening words. We lit the chalice, and checked-in.

Approve/Modify Agenda and Minutes: Modified the agenda. Lisa moved we approve the agenda as amended. Jody seconded. Unanimous. Minutes accepted as written: 3 votes in favor, 2 abstained.

Finances: We've just started the new fiscal year. We are "ahead" in income because some families chose to pay their pledge all at the beginning of the year. The Stewardship team still needs to write thank you notes to pledgers.

Mission Process: After a great deal of discussion, we decided to send everyone a list of 9 proposed mission statements, including 7 that were voted on at a previous meeting. The email will also describe the process we will use and stress that a decision will be made at the congregational meeting on Sunday, September 30. At the meeting all 9 statements will be posted and every member present will be given 3 dots to use to vote for the one (or ones) they want. Darlene suggested we also call every member to remind them of the date and the importance of the meeting. Lisa will send a list of members and phone numbers out to the board, divided up equally for calling.

Every Sunday Programming: Though we don't have enough teachers to run the full Science & Religion curriculum, Lisa suggested we could probably offer some of the classes. Jody agreed and suggested perhaps one class per quarter (doing only 4 sessions for now). Peter spoke about a new family and their suggestion that we get together every Sunday, even if it's just for community gathering or socializing. We came up with a number of good ideas for programming: TED talks or other forums, bringing in more guest ministers, Vespers or Taize services, intergenerational games, social justice activities, and more. We also brainstormed names of people who might help with organizing individual Sundays and overall scheduling.

Promoting Chalice Lighters: Darlene has written a draft announcement and sent it to Lisa for review. Together they will finish that and send it out to our board members first, then to members and friends.

Christ Episcopal: David, Lisa, and Peter will meet tomorrow night with the interim rector, one of the church Wardens (board officers), and two others selected to be liaisons for Live Oak. We listed possible topics for discussion with this group.

Grant Progress: Peter sent a another email to our Growth Committee liaison inviting him to join us (in person or by phone) for this meeting. He got no response. He will email him twice more this week (before Sunday).

Alameda Point Collaborative (APC): Darlene suggested that those working with APC be considered a committee of the board. Right now Kathryn Duke and Nanci Armstrong-Temple have been working with them and establishing relationships. Lisa will ask Kathryn and Nanci about APC's back-to-school event and then share info with the board.

Pastoral Care Costs: At Jay Roller's suggestion the board decided we need a policy for what costs the congregation will cover for pastoral care beyond our own lay leaders. Rev. Ben Meyers has agreed to

work with us. We made a decision (unanimous) to cover Ben's fee for leading a memorial service for Bill Bostrom. Lisa, Kris, and Jay will research and develop a proposal for costs and present it to the board for the October meeting.

Feedback: Some board members are struggling to keep up with their Live Oak commitments. Peter noted we have not done anything to prepare for succession of officers. One mentioned she loves how seriously we take the work we do for the congregation. Many felt good about the decision on proceeding with the mission process – and that we did really good work on several fronts (mission, memorial service, every-Sunday programming). Need to grow leaders, probably with a retreat.

Peter read our closing reading and the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Action Items – for Board members and guests

- Lisa will put together an email about the mission process and the congregational meeting on Sept. 30.
- Lisa will send names and phone numbers of members to the board so we can call each member re the meeting.
- Lisa and Darlene will finalize a Chalice Lighter's email and send to the congregation.
- Darlene will talk to Kate about possible Sunday talks (TED, forums). We need to determine who is going to contact people who might help with organizing Sunday programs.
- Peter will email Roger two more times, then Lucas re our grant proposal.
- Lisa will check with Nanci about APC and a back-to-school program or event.
- Lisa, Kris, and Jay Roller will write a proposed policy regarding pastoral care costs for memorials, hospital visits, etc. where a minister assists.

Action Items Continued from Previous Meetings

- Finance committee will send thank you's for upcoming FY pledges