

Live Oak UU Fellowship
Congregational Meeting
October 23, 2011 (2:00-4:00 p.m.)
Christ Church Episcopal -- Sanctuary

Peter Hand, President of the Board of Trustees, called the meeting to order. Richard Stromer read opening words and lit the chalice. Vicky Jensen led us in song (*Spirit of Life*). There were 17 attendees (16 members). Quorum was more than met.

Agenda & Introduction: Peter reviewed the agenda and process for choosing a future home for Live Oak. He also introduced the questions for the Listening Campaign. We plan to use this campaign to help us all articulate what the congregation means to us and how we can strengthen it. Peter noted we need to think and plan for more than our current members and friends. We need to build for those who will join us in the future.

Process for Decision on Location: We broke into 5 small groups to talk about the 4 possible locations (The Home of Truth, First Congregational Church of Alameda, Christ Episcopal Church Sanctuary, and Christ Episcopal Church Parish Hall). After 20 minutes in small groups, we reconvened and had time for clarifying questions. A motion was made and approved to allow 15 minutes for individuals to speak briefly about their preferences. At the end of that time, each member was given 4 dots to use to vote for 1 or all of the 4 locations. The final tally was:

The Home of Truth – 7
First Congregational Church of Alameda – 2
Christ Episcopal Church Parish Hall – 26
Christ Episcopal Church Sanctuary – 29

We will now work with the staff of Christ Episcopal to confirm the rental costs, the dates, access to piano, organ, audio system, keys, and more. David Fry will contact Rev. Kathy Cray Monday.

Leadership Call: With gratitude for her service on the Live Oak Board of Trustees, we announced Vicky Jensen will not run for a second term. The Nominating Committee is looking for someone with both the interest to serve and up to 10 hours/month to serve. People were invited to self-nominate or suggest others.

Richard Stromer volunteered to chair a new “Décor Committee” to create decorations to make our new worship space more intimate and more UU-compatible.

Vicky once again led us in song (*We Would Be One*), as Debra Temple played piano. Holding hands in a circle, Richard shared some closing words and we adjourned for refreshments and socializing in the narthex.