

Unitarian Universalist Church of Davis, Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes, April 9, 2012

Members Present: Jill Pickett, Chair; Suzanne Kimmel, Vice-Chair; Kathy Tucker, Karen Urbano, Sharon Hale, Ann Halsted, Marty West, Tom Zolot. **Others Present:** Beth Banks, Senior Minister; Jack Whitsett, Program Council; Kate Raymond, Director of Lifespan Learning; Joyce Takahashi, Secretary to the Board. **Members Absent:** George Hubert

A. Opening Activities

1. Chair Jill Pickett called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.
2. Suzanne Kimmel lit the chalice and read a personal reflection on her visit to Devi Mandir in Napa.
3. Sharon Hale read the Board Covenant..
4. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved. Moved: Karen Urbano. Seconded: Sharon Hale. Passed unanimously.

5. There was no congregational input.

B. Consent Agenda

The Minutes and Highlights of the March 12, 2012 meeting, notes for March 19 Special Board Meeting and ARTT Charge were approved. Moved: Marty West. Seconded: Sharon Hale. Passed unanimously.

C. Discussion and Action items

1. Membership Meeting Agenda and Absentee Voting, May 20, 2012, 12:30 p.m.. The Board approved the overall outline of the agenda, which includes the approval of Minutes of Membership Meetings of May 22, 2011 and December 4, 2011, the election of Jiji Hubert and Charles Halsted to two-year terms on the Nominating Committee, Hiram Jackson and Joyce N. Takahashi to three-year terms on the Board, and a vote on the 2012-13 Operating Budget. Short biographies and copies of the budget will be available from the UU Office and on our website.

Conversations with the Board about the budget will be held in the Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m. on April 22 and at 12:30 p.m. on May 6. Amendments to the budget will not be accepted from the floor at the Membership Meeting. Moved: Marty West. Seconded: Ann Halsted. Passed unanimously.

Absentee voting will not be an option for this meeting. Moved: Marty West. Seconded: Karen Urbano. Passed unanimously.

2. Interim Operations Co-Chairs. Marty West and Ann Halsted have been laying the groundwork for the newly created Operations Co-chairs positions. Working closely with our Office Administrator and Bookkeeper, the Co-chairs will oversee the church's financial, generosity, human resources, facilities, and communications activities. The Board approved the appointment of Marty and Ann as interim co-chairs while the search for permanent volunteer Co-chairs is conducted. Marty plans to rotate off in August, and Ann in September.

3. Nominating Committee Slate, Chair and Vice Chair, 2012-3: The Board slate was approved. Moved: Tom Zolot. Seconded: Karen Urbano. Passed unanimously.

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Vice-Chair Suzanne Kimmel will become Chair. Moved: Ann Halsted. Seconded: Karen Urbano. Passed unanimously. Marty West was selected as the new Vice-chair. Moved: Jill Pickett. Seconded: Sharon Hale. Passed with one abstention.

4. Gathered Here Update: The planning group is sorting out the messages on the post-its, evaluating and applying appreciative inquiry in order to measure our progress towards drafting a new vision statement for the future.

5. Easter Weekend Review: Many hours of behind the scenes work contributed to the seamless success of the Building Dedication and celebration and the Easter service and pancake breakfast. One hundred and twenty pancake breakfasts were served. In particular, the leadership of Cathy Bleyer (Building Task Force Chair) and of Steve Burns (Capital Campaign and Facilities Finance Team chair) was recognized.

In turn, Jill Pickett read words of appreciation from Cathy: "A special moment for me was during Jeff Gold's words. I turned and looked over at our Founding Members. At that moment, Jeff mentioned the vision of our founders. They were moved." Cathy appreciated being welcomed into the Dedication Service by the children and Kate Raymond and was struck by the beauty of the set up in the Social Hall with the smells wafting from the kitchen. She thanked Beth Banks for a moving dedication service, and Barbara Meixner and Nancy Lower for their beautiful musical contributions, in particular "Won't be Shaken by No Storm".

Words of appreciation from Steve included: "The Juuliebells were sublime, and the ringers absorbed in what they were doing...great words and great thoughtfulness in all the talks...wonderful planning and execution...marveling at the beauty of the new structure...awestruck at entering and seeing the space 'all dressed up' for the first time...elegant, but not pretentious...witnessing the excitement of the members as they use the space."

6. Board Retreat and Leadership Training: Both 2011-12 and 2012-13 Board members will participate in the Leadership training session from 9:30-12:00 noon on June 2, in the new meeting room. The Board retreat will be on August 10-12 in the new building. Suzanne Kimmel will be in charge and Robert Latham, PCD executive will facilitate.

7. Delegates for District Assembly: Delegates will be Jill Pickett, Suzanne Kimmel, Ann Halsted, Karen Urbano, Marty West and Steve Burns. Chuck Halsted will be the alternate. Steve Burns has been nominated for the PCD Board. There will be a one- hour Webinar for DA delegates on April 16-19.

8. Program Council (PC): The next meeting will be at 7:15 p.m., May 21 in the library. Minutes will be distributed to the Board in a week or so.

D. Break

E. New Business

1. Karen Urbano will be in charge of researching a design and finding a fabric artist to make a banner for the UUCD at the General Assembly.

F. Executive Session

G. Governance and Monitoring

Budget Draft: Several cost-cutting measures were discussed as possibilities to avoid a deficit, and several fund-raising projects were suggested. Stacie Frerichs will rework the figures. The Board approved a tentative deficit budget pending updated figures. Moved: Marty West. Seconded: Ann Halsted. Passed unanimously.

F. Closing Activities

1. Review next Board meeting agenda and calendar:
2. Time Keeper and evaluator: Sharon Hale
3. Beth Banks gave a closing reading.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Joyce Takahashi, Secretary to the Board.

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