

## **MINUTES: November 12, 2012**

Unitarian Universalist Church of Davis Board of Trustees Meeting

**Board members present:** Suzanne Kimmel, Chair; Marty West, Vice Chair; Ann Halsted; George Hubert; Hiram Jackson; Joyce Takahashi; Karen Urbano. **Others present:** Beth Banks, Senior Minister; Annie Gonzalez, Intern & Campus Minister; Stacie Frerichs, Financial Officer; Cath Bleyer, Operations Co-Chair; Jack Whitsett, Program Council Chair; John Mitchell, Generosity Committee Chair.

### **Opening Activities**

Chair Suzanne Kimmel called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Joyce Takahashi lit the chalice and shared a personal reflection. Marty West read the Board Covenant. The Human Resources Team Charge was added to the agenda under Discussion & Action Items. There was no congregational input.

### **Consent Agenda**

Motion: *Approve the Consent Agenda—Oct. 8 Board meeting Minutes & Highlights, Liz King as Aesthetics Task Team Chair, Barbara Ashby as Pastoral Council Chair, and charges for Adult Religious Exploration (ARE) Committee, Aesthetics Task Team, Children & Youth Religious Exploration (CYRE) Council, and Library Committee.*  
Moved: Marty West. Seconded: Ann Halsted. Passed unanimously.

### **Discussion**

Beth Banks led a discussion of chapters 1-2 of *Not Your Parents' Offering Plate: A New Vision for Financial Stewardship* by J. Clif Christopher. The Board will discuss chapters 3-4 next month.

### **Discussion & Action**

1. Generosity Chair John Mitchell updated the Board on plans for the 2013-14 pledge campaign, *Celebrate! Serving People, Changing Lives*. The campaign will culminate with Commitment Sunday, Feb. 10, 2013. John asked the Board to develop a "missional budget," showing a breakdown of costs for each aspect of our UUCD mission: worship & music, pastoral care, lifespan religious exploration, community & social outreach, and resource development. The allocation of costs for each area will be determined by the Staff and Operations Co-Chairs. The Generosity Team asked the Board to develop a statement on its vision for the use of additional funds raised as the result of a successful fund drive. The Board asked the Staff and Operations Co-Chairs to recommend their top priorities for additional future staffing.
2. Financial Officer Stacie Frerichs presented the financial report. She will bring the proposed 2012-13 budget timeline to the Board in December.

3. Stacie provided a status report on Steve Burns' proposal to accept vehicle donations by working with a car donation company. She also presented the Office Administrator's proposal for Staff to conduct research to select a car donation vendor.

*Motion: Approve updating the UUCD Gift Acceptance Policy to include acceptance of vehicle donations and delegate vendor selection and development of procedures to the Staff and Operations Co-Chairs. Moved: Ann Halsted. Seconded: Marty West. Passed unanimously.*

*Motion: Credit all car donations as separate donations unless donors request that funds be credited toward their annual pledges. Moved: Ann Halsted. Seconded: Marty West. Passed unanimously.*

4. *Motion: Approve Human Resources Team charge. Moved: Suzanne Kimmel. Seconded: Karen Urbano. Passed unanimously.*
5. George Hubert announced that he and Lisa Oakes will coordinate the church's spring auction, which will be combined with celebration of the first anniversary of our new building dedication. The date will be announced soon.
6. Board Chair Suzanne Kimmel summarized the Board's goals for the next three years.
7. Jack Whitsett said the next Program Council meeting will be held Monday, Nov. 26, at 7:15 p.m. in the Library. All are welcome to attend.

## **New Business**

Karen Urbano, a member of the Pacific Central District (PCD) Growth Committee, urged the Board and UUCD members to participate in the Chalice Lighter Program, which funds growth projects at PCD churches. Chalice Lighters commit to donating toward these projects three times a year. Current donations will supplement fundraising for a new, modern play space for young families at the UU Church in Livermore.

## **Closing Activities**

Joyce Takahashi gave the meeting evaluation. We all shared in reading a poem brought to us by Beth Banks. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Ann Halsted