

MINUTES: January 14, 2013

Unitarian Universalist Church of Davis Board of Trustees Meeting

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

Opening Activities

Chair Suzanne Kimmel called the meeting to order at 7:04. Ann Halsted lit the chalice, shared a personal reflection, and read the Board Covenant. Suzanne Kimmel requested adding to the consent agenda Barbara Ashby's request for Board approval of Valerie Olson to serve with her as Co-Coordinator of the Pastoral Care Council In addition, Suzanne Kimmel requested adding to the discussion and action items Lisa Oakes' request that a budget be approved for Auction expenses. Moved: Karen Urbano. Seconded: Marty West. Passed unanimously. There was no congregational input.

Consent Agenda

Motion: Approve the Consent Agenda-Approval of Minutes and Highlights for the December 10, 2012 Board Meeting and approve Valerie Olson Co-Coordinator of the Pastoral Care Council. Moved: Marty West. Seconded: Joyce Takahashi. Passed unanimously.

Discussion

1. Beth Banks led a discussion of chapters 5 and 6 of *Not Your Parents' Offering Plate: A New Vision for Financial Stewardship* by J. Clif Christopher.
2. John Mitchell updated the Board on the progress of the activities planned for the Generosity Campaign. Mailings have gone out with RSVP requests for Pledge Commitment Sunday, February 10. The Generosity Corner on Sundays in the Social Hall has served to answer church members' questions. Small discussion groups met to discuss why the church is important in their lives.

Discussion and Action Items

1. George Hubert discussed the meetings planned for the Conversation with the Board. He proposed that there be 3 meetings, with the first, January 27. The topic will be a question and answer format with George Hubert and Marty West. They will give and collect information concerning the generosity campaign goals, emphasizing the goal of increasing staff by adding two part-time staff, a pastoral care professional and a sexton. The second and third meetings, March 17 and April 14, will be led by Stacie Frerichs, who will present and seek congregational input on a missional budget and the line-item budget.
2. The Board scheduled the Annual Membership Meeting for May 19. Moved: Marty West. Seconded: Ann Halsted. Passed unanimously.

3. George Hubert updated the Board on the status of the Building Task Force Plaque. He recommended that a budget was needed before decisions could be made concerning its size, location, design, number of names to be engraved, and installation. The goal is to have it fabricated, though not necessarily installed, on Easter Sunday as a way to say thank you to the Building Task Force at the first anniversary of the dedication of the Social Hall. Suzanne Kimmel volunteered to help George with the design concept and issues involved in the creation of the plaque. Marty West suggested \$3,000 as an estimate for a tentative budget.
4. Marty West moved to support placing the Unitarian Universalist Association draft Statement of Conscience: "Immigration as a Moral Issue" on the agenda at the 2013 General Assembly. Seconded: Ann Halsted. Unanimously passed.
5. The Auction budget requested by Lisa Oakes was discussed. Marty West moved that the \$500 requested for the March 30 auction software be authorized to enable her to get started on planning the auction. Seconded: Ann Halsted.

New Business

1. The February 23 workshop presented by Robert Latham will be held at UUCD. The Board encourages attendance of this program: "Getting Unstuck: Navigating Size Transitions in Congregations."
2. The Board encouraged attendance at the UU Sparks Choir and Free Range Singers "Come Together Singing" Concert at UUCD on Monday, January 21, a benefit for Yolo CASA, to show our commitment to justice.
3. Cath Bleyer suggested at least one advertisement in the *Davis Enterprise* before school starts in the fall announcing UUCD church service hours to be listed among the other churches.
4. Generosity Campaign ribbons ~~to~~ will be handed out on February 10 to celebrate and recognize the church members' involvement with social service projects.

Closing Activities

1. Next Board Meeting is February 11. Generosity Meeting next Tuesday, January 22.
2. Ann Halsted gave the meeting evaluation.
3. Beth Banks gave the closing reading.
4. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Submitted by Liz Leahy