

## **MINUTES: February 11, 2013**

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; Jack Whitsett, Program Council Chair; Cath Bleyer, Operations Co-Chair; Lisa Oakes and Sarah Hayes, Auction Co-Chairs; Stacie Frerichs, Financial Officer.

### **Opening Activities**

Chair Suzanne Kimmel called the meeting to order at 7:09. George Hubert lit the chalice and shared a personal reflection. Hiram Jackson read the Board Covenant. Suzanne asked for approval of the agenda. An application for seminary sponsorship had been received from Bryan Plude, which item was added to the "Discussion and Action" items. Ann Halsted requested that the Interfaith Rotating Winter Shelter Report, the Financial Reports and the Auction Report be added to the agenda attachments. Suzanne reported that the Financial Reports had been not been added to the agenda attachments but sent out on a separate attachment to Board Members. The agenda as modified was approved. Moved: Hiram Jackson. Seconded. Passed unanimously. There was no congregational input.

### **Consent Agenda**

Marty West removed the approval of the January 14, 2013, Board Meeting Minutes from consent. She requested that the last sentence of the paragraph on Building Task Force Plaque be changed to read: "Marty West suggested \$3000 as an estimate for a tentative budget, with the money to come from funds carried over from the 2011-12 fiscal year." The minutes were then approved as amended.

Marty West removed the policy on sponsorship of seminary candidates from consent. The Board discussed the various UUA requirements that seminary candidates must meet, included the requirement to obtain sponsorship from a local church. The Board agreed that a sentence be added to the proposed policy that the UUA requires such sponsorship. Ann agreed to distribute the revised policy for Board approval via email.

### **Discussion and Action Items**

1. The Board approved Bryan Plude's application for the church's sponsorship of his candidacy for Unitarian Universalist ministry. Moved: Marty West. Seconded: Karen Urbano. Passed unanimously.
2. Lisa Oakes and Sarah Hayes, co-chairs of the Auction Committee, reported on the Auction/Budget Update. The committee has a full team. David Sobon, the auction leader, had given them many ideas for a successful auction. They requested Board approval of three proposals: first, a request to process credit cards at the auction (though checks are still preferred since there will be a 2.75% charge for credit card use); second, a request for a \$5000 advance for food and drink to be reimbursed by the profits made in ticket sales, and third, to sponsor a "Fund-a-Need" project to rebuild the bridge to the Bridgehouse. Moved: Ann Halsted. Seconded: George Hubert. Passed unanimously.
3. Rev. Beth Banks reported that Rev. Jeanelyse Doran-Adams of the Pacific Central District had invited our church to become a mentoring congregation for UUA's Leap of Faith Initiative. The

Board agreed that the Church is honored to have been asked but that we cannot commit to participating this year. Beth added that we might want to consider being mentored (rather than mentoring) in the future.

4. Cath Bleyer reported on the Redbud Montessori School lease renewal process. The lease is to end on June 15, 2013, with the possibility of a two-year extension. The Board agreed on the following negotiating team: Cath Bleyer, Marty West as Board lead, and Kate Raymond, with Mandy Dawn in a consulting role. Moved: Karen Urbano. Seconded: Hiram Jackson. Passed unanimously.
5. Stacie Frerichs presented the financial report. She had four recommendations for the Board to consider. First, create a kitchen and social hall fund from donations. Moved: Marty West. Seconded: Ann Halsted. Passed unanimously. Second, increase the UULM-CA monthly pledge from \$103 to \$130. Moved: Marty West. Seconded: Ann Halsted. Passed unanimously. Third, change the date for her meeting with the congregation to solicit 2013-14 budget input from April 14 to April 21. The Board agreed. Fourth, set a date for the budget meeting with the Board. (Leadership groups have been asked to submit their budget requests by March 1.) The meeting date was set for March 13 at 7:30.
6. The Board approved the Feb. 3, 2013, draft of the new Delegates for District & General Assemblies Policy, with the last sentence of the "Solicitation of Applications" section changed to read: "As part of the application process, the Board will ask applicants to write a brief paragraph about why they would like to be a delegate and will specify a deadline for receiving applications." Moved: Joyce Takahashi. Seconded: Hiram Jackson. Passed unanimously.

#### **New Business** (none)

#### **Closing Activities**

1. Next Board Meeting is March 11.
2. George Hubert gave the meeting evaluation.
3. Annie Gonzalez gave the closing reading.
4. The meeting adjourned 9:09.

Submitted by Liz Leahy