

## **MINUTES: MAY 12, 2014**

Unitarian Universalist Church of Davis Board of Trustees

**Board Members present:** Marty West, Chair; Lisa Baker; George Hubert; Joyce Takahashi; Ramon Urbano; Ann-Catrin Van. **Members Absent:** Hiram Jackson. **Others present:** Ann Halsted, Operations Co-Chair; Barbara Clutter, Strategic Planning Chair; Tamara Range, Meghan Kelly, Strategic Planning Members; Caitlin Cotter, Intern/Campus Minister; Jack Whitsett.

### **Opening Activities**

Chair Marty West called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm. Ann-Catrin Van lit the Chalice and gave a personal reflection. Joyce Takahashi read the Board Covenant. Marty West amended the Agenda to include an update on the GA in the Announcements. The agenda was approved by Board consensus. There was no congregational input.

### **Announcements**

At the Annual Membership Meeting on May 18, Ramon, George, and Ann-Catrin will assist Marty in signing in members to be sure a quorum of 47 members is present. Ramon gave an update on General Assembly delegates so far: Marty West, John Ashby, and Steve Burns will be attending.

### **Consent Agenda**

Approval of Minutes for the April 14, 2014 Board meeting.

Approval of revised Gift Acceptance Policy.

Approval of revised Advocacy & Sponsorship Policy.

Moved approval of Consent Agenda: Lisa Baker. Seconded: Joyce Takahashi. Passed unanimously.

### **Discussion and Action Items**

1. The Strategic Planning Task Force (Barbara Clutter, Chair, and members George Hubert, Tamara Range, and Megan Kelley) presented their proposal to hire the Bay Area Organizing Committee (BAOC) as their consultant. Two BAOB staff, Liz Hall and Anna Eng, will work with the Task Force and the congregation for a yearly cost of \$8,000, plus mileage (up to \$1,000). The Task Force has met twice a month since November, researched several possible consultants, and strongly recommended BAOB. After considerable discussion, the Board approved Strategic Planning's request. Motion to approve : Lisa Baker. Seconded by Ann-Catrin Van. Passed by 5 ayes, 1 no. The consultant's costs will be paid out of the church's reserve funds.

2. In Stacie Frerichs's absence, Marty West presented the final draft of the 2014-15 budget, to be submitted to the annual membership meeting on May 18. Approval to submit the budget: George Hubert. Seconded: Marty West. Passed unanimously.

3. Ann Halsted and George Hubert reported on the District Youth Conference held at UUCD, May 2-5, 2014. Concerns had been raised prior to the event about compliance with UUCD's Children and Youth Safety Policy, particularly the need for adult supervision during the nights. About 70 youth attended, all went well, and George enjoyed his participation, staying up most of Friday night during the

conference. Facilities manager Chris Hendrix-Chupa worked hard preparing for the conference and stayed up most of Saturday night, helping with supervision.

4. Marty West reported on the progress of the new Stewardship Team. Members include Ramon Urbano, Lisa Baker, Mari Perla, Sharon Hale, Rich Bradley, Beth Banks, and Marty West. Steve Burns will serve as the team's "consultant." The Team met on April 23 and will be developing a "continuing pledge" model to replace the annual pledge drive. Meanwhile, the Legacy Gifts Committee will be holding a dessert reception on June 10 to thank members who have included the church in their wills or made contributions to the UUCD endowment fund. The Stewardship Team is preparing a fundraising letter to solicit contributions to make early payments on the church's mortgage balance.

### **Closing Activities**

1. The next Board meeting will be June 9. The agenda will include the election of a new Board chair, approval of a new Board secretary, and the calendar will be discussed.
2. Ann-Catrin Van did the closing reading.
3. The meeting was adjourned at 9:07.