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**MINUTES: January 12, 2015**  
**Unitarian Universalist Church of Davis Board of Trustees**

*Board members present:* Ramon Urbano, Chair; Ann-Catrin Van, Vice-Chair; Barbara Bower; Hiram Jackson; Mari Perla; Joyce Takahashi

*Absent:* Lisa Baker

*Others present:* Marty West, Operations and Stewardship; Jack Whitsett, congregant; Donna Sachs, Secretary to the Board

### **Opening Activities**

7:05 Meeting called to order by Ramon Urbano

The chalice was lit and a reading was offered by Hiram Jackson. Barbara Bower read the Board Covenant. Mari Perla served as timekeeper and evaluator. The Agenda was approved with added announcements and the addition of a break.

### **Announcements**

1. Updates to Sound System: Jack Whitsett announced that our audio/visual system has been updated with new equipment that has now arrived and will be installed starting on Jan. 26. This job will take one week. Marty West added that the new AV equipment did go over budget. Rich Bradley has contributed \$5000 to cover the cost. This was in addition to his previous contribution for the mortgage. The Board will send Rich a Thank You card. Barbara Bower agreed to purchase new thank you cards.
2. The Nominating Committee will meet this week. Its members include Karen Naliboff, Autumn Labbe-Renault, Bob Young, Ann-Catrin, and Barbara Bower. The Committee will be looking for two people to nominate for the Board and one to nominate for the Nominating Committee.
3. The Interfaith Rotating Winter Shelter will be housed at our church for one week starting on January 25.
4. The Interfaith Celebration of Abraham will be on January 25.
5. The Program Council will meet on January 26.
6. UUA Moderator, Jim Keys will visit our church on February 9. Plans to be discussed.
7. Board Security Sign-ups for March through June will be accepted.
8. UUA General Assembly for this year, in June 2015, will be in Portland, O.
9. The Pacific District Assembly will be April 28, 2015, in San Francisco.

### **Consent Agenda**

1. Minutes of the December Board meeting: Hiram Jackson moved that the minutes be approved, Joyce Takahashi seconded, and motion was passed.

2. The UUA request for church approval of their “Statement of Conscience” regarding reproductive justice: Mari Perla reported on the process that she and Barbara Bower had devised for polling the congregation and on the responses generated by the process. Based on this report, the Board agreed to send the church's approval of the SoC to the UUA.

### **Discussion and Action Items**

1. Request from Sarah Caine, our campus minister, to perform weddings: Sarah sent a written request which was discussed. Hiram Jackson moved that the church permit Sarah Caine to perform weddings while she is a campus minister at UC Davis (despite her absence at this meeting). Motion seconded by Barbara Bower. Motion passed.
2. Request for extra cleaning services for Sundays: Marty West reported that our church facilities are currently in such frequent use (often from Celebration of Life Services) that by Sunday morning, the place is not really ready for services. The Operations Team requests that an extra cleaning session be performed by our regular cleaner on Saturday night or Sunday morning. The cost for this service would be \$50 per week. Hiram Jackson moved that we fund this service as requested. Ann-Catrin Van seconded, and the motion passed.
3. Plans for Jim Key's visit: The Board made plans to host a Town Hall Meeting on Monday night, February 9. The whole congregation will be invited and light refreshments will be served. Ann-Catrin has asked Roberto Perla and Karen Russell to help with the refreshments. Various topics for the town meeting were considered. A video of the new UUA facilities in Boston will be presented. A dinner for the Board, a few others, and Jim Key will be held at 5 pm, prior to the Town Hall Meeting.
4. Leadership Development as a goal for the Board was discussed for clarification by Ramon. He sees a focus for the Board to foster development into denomination roles.
5. The next Congregational meeting will be on June 7, 2015.
6. UUA Presidents' Council. Ramon reported on this meeting in Boston, which he attended.
7. Change of Board meeting start time: Ann-Catrin asked the future Board meetings begin at 7:15 pm rather than 7.
8. There was no financial report this month.
9. The Dream Team (for strategic planning): Barbara Clutter came lately to the Board meeting to give an update on Dream Team activities. The team is planning to use a party format to move into the second round of small groups. This round will take on visioning for the future. The team will be asking the Board to provide money for food for the parties.

### **Closing Activities**

Mari Perla gave the evaluation.

Ramon Urbano closed the meeting at 8:55 pm

respectfully submitted: Donna Sachs, Secretary to the Board