

## **Minutes, September 12, 2016**

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES Unitarian Universalist Church of Davis**

**Board Members present:** Mari Perla, Chair; Carol Corbett, Vice-Chair; Barbara Bower, Odessa MacLean, Walter Fulde, Karen Klussendorf, Matt Seelke

**Others present:** Rev. Beth Banks, Senior Minister; Rev. Morgan McLean, Minister of Congregational Life; Elizabeth Assenza, Intern and Campus Minister; Jerry Friis, Operations; Karen Naliboff, Finance Officer; Autumn Labbe-Renault, Auction Committee Chair; Robin Datel, Social Justice Coordinating Committee; Jack Whitsett, Congregant.

#### **Opening Activities**

7 pm. Meeting called to order by Chair, Mari Perla.  
Chalice lighting and personal reflection offered by Matt Seelke  
Board Covenant read by Odessa MacLean  
Time-keeper and evaluator to be Karen Klussendorf

Mari Perla presented the agenda. Karen Klussendorf moved the agenda be accepted as presented; motion passed.

There was no congregational input.

#### **Announcements**

Sep. 26 (Monday evening) Program Council 7:00 – 9:00  
Oct 1, 2016 Pot o' Gold (Saturday) UU Church of Palo Alto  
Oct 8 Start Up Seminar (Saturday) UUCD Library  
Oct 15 11:00am Brian Plude Ordination (Saturday)  
November 5 Church Auction (Saturday)  
November 8 (Tuesday) 7:00 Election Night Service of Hope UUCD  
November 9 (Wednesday) An evening with Rev. Peter Morales,

## **Consent Agenda**

The Consent Agenda was approved by the Board. Included:  
Board Minutes of August 8, 2016 (with one name spelling correction)  
Staff Reports  
Operations Report

### **Discussion and Action Items**

#### **1. Auction Report.**

Autumn Labbe-Renault gave the report for the Auction Committee. There will be a silent auction. Some event suggestions are coming in. People are volunteering, including Odessa MacLean, Carol Corbett, Karen Russell. The web site is ramped up. Auctions items coming in.

Autumn proposed that we include a “Fund-a-Need” and asked the Board for guidance about what the need will be. Carol Corbett reported on the previous Fund-a-Need events, and that they were successful. Suggestions: First stage of the Bridgehouse remodel. People are gathering estimates of specific items: bathroom upgrades, more space, more storage space.

The new auctioneer has made a request: The Board needs to assure that there will be high bidders. What will be the bidding points? Board should line up people who will bid at each level.

Karen Klussendorf moved that the auction report and proposals be accepted; motion passed.

#### **2. Finance Report.**

Karen Naliboff reports that the monthly financial report is “unremarkable”, meaning all is well with the finances. Our bookkeeper will soon return from maternity leave.

The Finance Committee has a proposal as to how to use the bequest from Nancy Dubois. After discussion, Carol Corbett moved to accept the proposal from the Finance Committee to use \$50,000 from the bequest to apply to the principle of the mortgage for the Social Hall, and the other \$50,000 to the endowment fund. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **3. New Intern**

Elizabeth Azenza, our new Intern and Campus Minister, was introduced and welcomed.

#### **4. Social Justice Report.**

Robin Datel presented a calendar of events for the year.

The first screening of the Howard Zinn movie was held. About 12 people came and enjoyed popcorn and discourse. Two more showings are coming up.

There will be Social Justice events offered at the Auction. One will be a tour of African-American historic sites in Sacramento.

Several other scheduled events and ideas for the future are in Robin's report.

Robin requested that the Board help with finding new leadership, as some positions are being vacated.

Also, improving the website is a high priority.

#### **5. Board Orientation Notes review.**

Carol Corbett gave a reminder that the Board has final responsibility for church security on Sundays—to make sure the doors are locked, etc.

Other Sunday morning jobs now include greeting, etc.; filling in for Kathy Tucker., etc. Beth suggested that we be organized about this and have sign-ups.

#### **6. Meeting Evaluation Form**

Beth made some observations and suggestions about the Board's meeting evaluation form.

#### **7. Personal Covenant**

Beth reminded the Board that this is the month for members to write their personal covenants. Also, under review will be the Board Covenant. Covenant is our behavior—how we will be together.

### **Closing Activities**

Karen Klussendorf gave the meeting evaluation.

Beth Banks gave the closing reflection.

Mari Perla adjourned the meeting at 8:50 pm

The Board moved into Executive Session.

## Attachments

1. Staff Reports
  - a. Combined staff report
  - b. Staff report from Rev. McLean
2. Operations Report
3. Auction Report (actually, not attached, as I did not receive a copy)
4. Finance Reports
  - a. Finance Report, July 2016
  - b. Balance Sheet, July 2016
  - c. Profit and Loss vs. Budget
  - d. UU Endowment Fund Statement, July 2016
  - e. UU Endowment Fund Memo, August 27, 2016
5. Social Justice Report
6. Board Orientation and Retreat Notes
7. Announcement Details
8. Meeting Evaluation

—respectfully submitted by Donna Sachs, Secretary to the Board