

Minutes, August 14, 2017, draft
Board of Trustees
Unitarian Universalist Church of Davis
Board of Trustees Meeting Agenda
August 14, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

Board members present: Carol Corbett, Chair; Walter Fulde, Vice Chair; Matt Seelke, Karen Klussendorf, Barbara Clutter

Absent: Odessa MacLean, Liz Garman

A quorum was present for this meeting.

Others present: Beth Banks, Senior Minister; Morgan McLean, Assistant Minister for Congregational Life; Karen Naliboff, Finance Officer; Jerry Friis, Operations Co-Chair; Steve Burns, Marty West

Opening Activities

7pm, Carol Corbett, Chair, called the meeting to order.

The **Consent Agenda** approved as amended

1. Board Minutes of May 9, 2017
2. Board Minutes of June 12, 2017
3. Memorials policy
4. Grant proposal to UU Fund for Social Responsibility for SPEAK

Discussion and Action Items

5. Senior minister report. Beth briefly discussed the change starting in the fall of children being present during the first 15-20 minutes every Sunday.
6. Finance Report. Karen Naliboff presented the reports. She suggested that the Board will soon need to plan for future expenses—for example, the auction, the bridge house remodel; also made us aware of increased percentage of unpaid pledges. There may be an expense for tree removal that would be approved by email.
7. Operations Report. Jerry Friis reported that the chromium six level issue went away when the State of California altered its standards. He detailed the needed tree removal >\$1000. He needs task forces to
 - a) explore solar panels and to
 - b) remodel bridge house. **He will find people for the task forces.**
8. Legacy Gift fund from UUA--Marty West will hold explanatory workshops this fall. She hopes to substantially increase our Endowment Fund.
9. Need for a Corporate Secretary. At the Board Retreat, Ann Halsted, Governance & Policy consultant made us aware that though she will continue in her role and Mandy Dawn will add appropriate documents to the Board Dropbox, the church and board need a Church/Corporate Secretary. Our bylaws state that the secretary cannot be a board member. Carol Corbett will advertise in the bulletin for applicants for this position. Meanwhile, board members will take board meeting minutes.
10. Membership meeting request—Matt Seelke moved that we approve the request for a congregational meeting by Sanctuary Discernment Team.

“The Sanctuary Discernment Team (SDT), convened by the Committee on Ministry, requests that the Board approve the date of October 29, 2017, for a congregational meeting regarding how UUCD will support sanctuary in Davis and Yolo County. the congregation. The SDT is making this request for planning purposes; it recognizes

that a congregational meeting may not be necessary.

Motion approved (4 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention)

11. Membership numbers--Steve Burns presented the UUCD membership numbers. Though they are stable over 20 years, they reached a peak 2006-2008 and then dropped consistently over last 10 years. He noted, however, that our "peer churches" (similar-size congregations that also "peaked" in 2006-8) have remained stable. He feels we need to do something different—find out why people leave, consider purchasing a program developed by Dallas UU Church called Faith Forward. Steve is willing to work on it/chair it. Morgan pointed out that membership is not directly under the board. Further discussion will probably remain with the ministers and COM.
12. Soup sign ups—Karen Klussendorf will do by email
13. When credit cards are used to pay pledges, ask payer to pay the extra to cover our costs.
14. Regional Training for Board members--Saturday, January 27 at the Sacramento UU Church. Other (more distant) locations are available. Carol will do a Doodle poll to see where leaders are most interested in attending.

Closing

Meeting Evaluation—omitted in the interest of time

Rev. Banks closed the meeting with "Amen!"

Meeting adjourned at 9:15.

Next board meeting will be on September 11, 2017 7pm

Attachments:

- **Board Agenda August 14, 2017rev2**
- **Board Minutes of May 9, 2017**
- **Board Minutes of June 12, 2017**
- **Memorials policy**
- **Grant proposal to UU Fund for Social Responsibility for SPEAK**
- **2017_06-07_Staff Report**
- **2017_07-08_Operations Report**
- **Finance Balance vs Last Year**
- **Finance Payroll error Morgan**
- **Finance balance sheet May 31, 2017**
- **Finance profit loss vs budget May 2017**
- **Finance profit loss vs budget June 2017**
- **Financial report 2017 year end**
- **Financial Reports for August**
- **UUCD Stewardship Legacy Campaign**
- **UUSJ Request for membership meeting**
- **Leadership Training**
- **Membership grid 1999-2017**
- **Pot of Gold**
- **Soup**

Barbara Clutter, minute-taker