

**MINUTES OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF SACRAMENTO  
May 17, 2009**

1. President Margaret Wilcox called the meeting to order at 11:37 am and announced that we had a quorum. Rev. Doug Kraft provided opening words.
2. Agenda: Margaret reviewed the agenda.
3. Minutes: **Minutes from the October 19, 2008 meeting were approved on a unanimous voice vote.**
4. Margaret thanked the volunteers for conducting the election: Thomasina Bailey, Carol Doehne, Matt Doehne, and Dorothy Mitchell.
5. Margaret introduced and thanked the current Nominating Committee members and then introduced the candidates on today's ballot. All candidates on the attached ballot were elected.
6. Margaret gave a brief report on the work of the 2008-09 Board of Trustees, including 1) developing a strategy for the use of unrestricted bequests for \$10,000 or more, and 2) developing a five-year plan for the church.
7. Joan Rubenson presented the work of the Green Sanctuary group and its Green Sanctuary Accreditation Application. **The congregation voted on and approved via paper ballot the following statement: "The UUSS congregation approves the submission of this UUSS Accreditation Application to become a Green Sanctuary and continue the thirty plus projects that will have lasting benefits to the congregation and the community."**
8. Margaret gave an overview of the new, proposed long-range plan, *Building the Future – A Five-Year Plan*, including discussing its three goals. **The congregation adopted this plan via paper ballot.**
9. Treasurer Lisa Malkin presented the 2009-10 UUSS Budget, noting that the first draft working budget for the coming year that the Finance Committee considered showed a \$92,000 deficit. The Finance Committee, Executive Committee, and Board eventually got this down to \$5,000 in recognition of the importance the congregation places on a balanced budget. **Peter Killian moved and Colene Schlaepfer seconded that the presented 2009-10 UUSS budget be adopted. Passed on a show-of-hands vote with two "no" votes.**
10. The ministers gave reports. Rev. Doug Kraft spoke first and reviewed the year, including the change in service times and the move of religious education classes to the earlier service. He noted that these changes had

succeeded in increasing attendance significantly at the earlier service. Rev. Roger Jones noted that his written report is available on his blog, [www.ironicschmoozer.wordpress.com](http://www.ironicschmoozer.wordpress.com).

11. Secretary Carrie Cornwell announced the election results from the paper ballot (attached) noting that all candidates had been elected, the five-year plan adopted, and the Green Sanctuary Accreditation Application approved.
12. Adjourn: **Steve Hamm moved and David Navarro seconded that the meeting adjourn. Passed unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 1:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie Cornwell, Secretary  
Board of Trustees

Attachment

**UUSS Congregational Meeting -- May 17, 2009**  
**Ballot**

**Board of Trustees**

President:

\_\_\_\_\_ Margaret Wilcox

Vice President:

\_\_\_\_\_ Linda Klein

Member-at-large – four seats:

\_\_\_\_\_ Kathryn Canan

\_\_\_\_\_ John Abbott

\_\_\_\_\_ Cathy Whitney

\_\_\_\_\_ David Navarro

Youth Member:

\_\_\_\_\_ Alice Lopes

**Program Council Members – four seats:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Joyce Bray

\_\_\_\_\_ Doris Simonis

\_\_\_\_\_ Judy Lane

\_\_\_\_\_ Joan Rubenson

**Communications Facilitator:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Colene Schlaepfer

**Endowment Trust trustee:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Candy McMorris

**Nominating Committee Chair:**

\_\_\_\_\_ David Libby

**Nominating Committee Members – six seats:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Shirley Hines

\_\_\_\_\_ Nancy Lust

\_\_\_\_\_ John Vawter

\_\_\_\_\_ David Paul

\_\_\_\_\_ Aggie Vawter

\_\_\_\_\_ Mary Howard

**Green Sanctuary Accreditation Application:**

The UUSS congregation approves the submission of this UUSS Accreditation Application to become a Green Sanctuary and continue the thirty plus projects that will have lasting benefits to the congregation and the community.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**2009 Long Range Plan:**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_