

**MINUTES OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF SACRAMENTO  
May 18, 2008**

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:45pm. President Kate Throop announced that we had a quorum.
2. Agenda: Kate reviewed the agenda and added the item Policy Regarding Gifts of Real Property.
3. Minutes: **Motion by Peter Killian, seconded by Jack Davidson, to approve the minutes from the October 21, 2007 meeting. Passed unanimously by voice vote.**
4. Kate thanked the volunteers for conducting the election – Lisa Malkin, Gary Malkin, Dorothy Mitchell, Lisa’s mother and David Paul.
5. The Nominating Committee was thanked by Kate, and the candidates were introduced. Members were invited to complete their ballots.
6. Rev. Connie Grant shared some remarks, including the announcement that our new Religious Education Assistant is Janet Lopes. Rev. Doug Kraft described the process of selecting our new Family Minister and announced the hiring of Rev. Roger Jones. Effective this fall the services will be at 9:30am and 11:15 am, with the timing of Religious Education yet to be decided.
6. Amendments to the USSS Constitution: A number of the amendments involve simply updating the language. These were voted on as a block, including changes to Article V, sections 1 and 5 – Meetings; Article VI, section 3 – Elections; Article VII, sections 2, 9 and 10 – Governance; Article VIII, section 2 – Officers’ Duties; Article IX, section 1 – The Minister(s); Article X, sections 1 and 4 – Committees. **Motion to approve by Jane Hultenan, seconded by Carrie Cornwell, passed unanimously by voice vote.**

The remaining Constitutional amendments were substantive and were addressed individually.

- Article IV, section 3 – Membership. **Motion to approve by Joyce Bray, second by Eric Ross, passed unanimously by voice vote.**
- Article VI, section 2 – Elections. **Motion to approve by Maxine Cornwell, second by Eileen Karpeles, passed unanimously by voice vote.**
- Article VII, section 5 – Governance. Modified to read “(5) *The President may appoint a member of the Society to serve as an Assistant Secretary. The Assistant Secretary shall perform duties as specified by the Secretary. The Assistant Secretary shall serve as Acting Secretary in the absence of the Secretary.*” **Motion to approve by Sharon Kamber, second by Eric Ross, passed unanimously by voice vote.**
- Article IX, section 2(1) – The Minister(s). **Motion to approve by Sharon Kamber, second by Peter Killian, passed unanimously by voice vote.**
- Article IX, section 2(2) – The Minister(s). Modified to read “(2) *A minister may be dismissed by a 90% vote of the members present and voting at a congregational meeting called for that purpose.*” **Motion to approve by Maxine Cornwell, second by Maryly Reinertsen, passed unanimously by voice vote.**
- Article X, section 3 – Committees. Modified to read, “(1) *Each standing committee shall have a charter approved by the Board of Trustees or the Program Council. The Board of Trustees or the Program Council may review charters annually.*” **Motion**

**to approve by Maryly Reinertsen, second by Peggy Middleton, passed unanimously by voice vote.**

- Article XI, sections 1, 2 and 3 – Suborganizations. **Motion to approve by Rich Howard, second by Nancy Oprsal, passed unanimously by voice vote.**
- The amendments involving shifting of responsibilities from the Board to the Program Council were grouped together for approval. These included Article XI, sections 1, 2 and 3 – Suborganizations; and Article XII, sections 1 and 2 – Affiliated Groups. **Motion to approve by Rich Howard, second by Nancy Oprsal, passed unanimously by voice vote.**
- Article XIII – Fiscal Procedures. **Motion to approve by Carrie Cornwell, second by Denis Edgren, passed unanimously by voice vote.**

7. Discussion and Adoption of 2008-09 Budget: Treasurer Denis Edgren provided an overview of the budget process and summarized key points in the proposed 2008-09 budget. Lee Maxey moved that all committees receive some funding from the budget. There was no second. A second motion was made by Lee Maxey that the Program Council allocate their funds in the proposed budget in such a way that they are distributed equitably among programs and committees. Fred Schlaepfer seconded. Following further discussion, a vote was called by show of hands. The motion failed. **John McMillan moved that the 2008-09 proposed budget be approved, second by Carrie Cornwell, passed by voice vote.**

8. Secretary Lisa Malkin announced that the election results were unanimously in favor of the proposed slate.

9. The Green Sanctuary Application for Candidacy: The congregation considered the following, “Shall the Unitarian Universalist Society of Sacramento submit to the Unitarian Universalist Association an Application for Candidacy for the Green Sanctuary Program? The UUSS Green Sanctuary Task Force will work in coordination with the congregation, our ministers, the Board, and UUSS committees to seek Green Sanctuary accreditation and to integrate environmental awareness, sustainable practices, and environmental justice into our church community, our personal lives, and our world.” **Maxine Cornwell moved to approve, second by Peter Killian, passed unanimously by voice vote.**

10. Policy Regarding Gifts of Real Property: **Motion to approve by Maxine Cornwell, second by Joan Rubenson, passed by voice vote.**

11. Other business: None was introduced.

12. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 2:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Wilcox, Vice President  
Board of Trustees