

Unitarian Universalist Society of Sacramento Board of Trustees
Meeting Draft Minutes 8/23/07

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

Board members present: John Abbott, Judy Chiginsky, Barbara Hopkins, Kate Throop, Lisa Malkin, Denis Edgren, Carol Byers, Celine Walker, Margaret Wilcox, Judy Morrison, Fred Schlaepfer

Board members absent: Terry Preston

Staff present: Connie Grant, Dave McMorris, Doug Kraft

Guests present: No guests present

- I. Several BOT members gave their quick “elevator” speeches.
- II. Guest comments: None present
- III. Agenda Review: The decision was made to table the policy recommended by the Finance Committee Security Task Force until after the September 30th meeting with the financial consultant..
- IV. Consent Agenda: Barbara proposed and Margaret seconded the motion to adopt the language on the agenda. All approved.
- V. Ministerial Matters: Doug presented his written report, adding that he is considering offering new ways for the congregation to connect. One way is Sharing the Path. He is entering his 8th year at UUSS, shifting into long-term ministry. He is being mentored in this by Larry Peers.

Connie presented a written report to the Board. She was recently featured in the Sacramento News & Review’s Religious Roundtable column.

- VI. Operational Matters: Denis moved and Judy seconded the policy governing the management of the UUSS Capital Outlay Fund & Reserve Fund. The wording was amended on two sentences and was adopted with no dissenting vote.

A question was raised regarding the prioritizing of reserve funds. Denis will clarify with the Finance Committee. Treasurer’s Report: Income and expenses accurate as of 8/1/07.

Denis reminded the BOT of their commitment to raise \$1500.00 this fiscal year. Ways to do this were discussed. Judy and Barbara will explore a crab-feed fundraiser and report back next month. Kate mentioned a possible BOT fundraiser idea of having Roy Zimmerman, an entertainer, give a concert. His fee is 2500.00. We would ask for some of the feew to be supported by the Ch’maj Fund.

Administrator’s Report: Dave presented from his written report. The new Tree of Life chalice has arrived and will make its debut September 9th. The new chalice was purchased with donations from the Worship Leaders. Highlights of Dave’s report included the refund of money from MCI and unexpected bequest from the estate of a deceased member. Dave presented the Property Management Committee’s recommendation on the Brick Fundraiser. The Brick Fundraising Proposal will be put on hold until decisions are made regarding where it fits into a whole Capital Improvement Plan.

Kate then asked Denis to ask the Finance Committee to make a recommendation to the BOT regarding how unanticipated funds are prioritized and handled.

- VII. Organizational/Relationship Matters: The Finance Committee's Financial Security Task Force policy was tabled until after the September meetings with the financial consultant.

Membership Integration: A working group consisting of Margaret Wilcox, Lisa Malkin, Connie Grant and Bob Shebesta was formed and will report their findings at the September BOT meeting.

Report from the Program Council (PC): Celine Walker reported that the Program Council concurred with the BOT suggestion that Membership Committee come under the BOT's responsibility. The PC retreat will be Aug 27-29th. Fred, Connie, and Doug plan to attend.

The Forum has restarted and will present a talk on Global Warming on Oct. 14. The Connections Fair will also be Oct 14th.

Signup sheets were passed around for board members to attend the Congregational Conversations and for Housekeeping duties at the BOT meetings.

BOT members signed up to attend various workshops 9/28, 29, and 30th with the financial consultant.

- VIII. Recap, Parking Lot, Dates: 9/18-Executive Committee meets. 9/27-BOT September meeting. 9/28-9/30-Financial Consultant meetings
- IX. Meeting adjourned 9:15pm

Submitted by Lisa Malkin