

**Unitarian Universalist Society of Sacramento  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
May 28, 2009**

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order & Welcome Guests.** Margaret Wilcox called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM.

Board members present: Margaret Wilcox, John Abbott, Carrie Cornwell, Fred Schlaepfer, Barbara Hopkins, Lisa Malkin, Judy Morrison, Linda Klein, and Denis Edgren.

Staff present: David McMorris and Rev. Doug Kraft

Guests: Mary Howard, Ginger Enrico, Kathy Canan, Barbara Gardner

**Guest comments:** Kathy Canan, a board member elect, attended to observe a meeting.

**Consent agenda:** The April board meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

**ORGANIZATIONAL/RELATIONSHIP MATTERS:**

**UUA delegates and voting.** Carrie explained that at General Assembly UUSS can vote its eight votes absentee or via delegates in attendance in the race for UUA president in which Rev. Peter Morales and Rev. Laurel Hallman are running. At this point no UUSS members are planning to attend, so we will be voting absentee. Mary Howard and Ginger Enrico spoke on behalf of the two candidates with Ginger speaking in favor of Laurel Hallman and Mary speaking for Peter Morales. Because of the contested election for president of UUA, the board decided to assign absentee votes via a board vote that will occur electronically between now and June 7th. That board vote will be used to cast up to 8 absentee votes in the same proportion as the board for the two candidates.

**Entryway project.** Barbara Gardner, on behalf of the Unitarian Master Planners (UMP), presented the entryway project that came out of the Vision into Action process following the Searching for Our Future workshop in Spring 2008. She provided drawings of the plan and talked about the nascent fundraising plan to build the project in the late summer. Fred presented a \$500 check to David as the first donation for the project. Linda raised concern that the project not be done in fits and starts. Barbara moved and John seconded that board endorse the project, including fundraising for the project costs, and name Bob Oyafuso as project manager. Passed unanimously.

Barbara Gardner further raised the need for funds for letting the congregation know about and involving the congregation in the master planning process. Margaret agreed to put

this matter on the June board meeting agenda.

**Building the Future – next steps.** Margaret noted that the newly approved long-range plan requires the board to appoint oversight groups for each of the three goals. Barbara Gardner, who was appointed in March, is leading the group for the Building and Grounds goal, but the board needs to appoint the other task force members, plus the other oversight groups for the other two goals. The board will work on this at the board retreat, which is set for June 20th.

**Membership Growth & Support Task Force Update.** Linda presented a job description for the new Congregational Connections Facilitator to be hired over the summer. Much discussion ensued about how this position will help to deepen connections in the church.

**Task force: Guidelines for Recognition of Significant Donors.** Linda and John are going to work -- and invite others to join them -- to create guidelines for recognizing those who make significant gifts as bequests or otherwise to UUSS. They will present a proposal at the June board meeting.

**Program Council report.** Fred reported that the new Program Council members are coming to this month's and next month's meetings to get acquainted with the council's work. Pat Naylor came this month to seek recognition as an affiliated group for the garden group. Tami Buscho presented information on two upcoming events at UUSS on marriage equality. The council also sent notes of thanks to all those who taught in the children's RE program this year.

#### **MINISTERIAL MATTERS:**

**Roger** is out of town attending a meeting in Boston.

**Doug** reported that his sabbatical month in April was productive and thanked the board for the time away. He noted, as he did at the congregational meeting, that this church year has gone smoothly. He reported that the spiritually grounded leadership group is coming together for the fall. He also stated that the gathering here after the Supreme Court upheld Prop. 8 was very nice.

#### **OPERATIONAL MATTERS:**

**Treasurer's report.** Lisa reported that income YTD is at 101% of budget and expenses YTD are 95% of budget. Pledge income was 107% of budget for April, and plate collection continues to be well ahead of budget for the year and for the month of April. Thus, UUSS is currently not running the expected deficit.

**Business Administrator's report.** Dave reported that there will be expenses in June associated with computers and paying off the 1999 member notes. David explained that

through updating the computers, related systems, photocopier, etc. he is trying to improve systems and productivity at the church so that we will have an efficient and up-to-date business office. Membership is approximately 390, but 11 members will become inactive or removed from the rolls on July 1. The 2009-10 pledge drive is reaching a successful conclusion through Dave's cleanup efforts.

**Recap - parking lot - dates to remember:** Next board meeting is June 18th.

The board presented Denis with a card and bottle of champagne in honor of his May 9th marriage to Karen Wroten.

Meeting adjourned at 9:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Carrie Cornwell, Secretary, USS Board of Trustees