

UUSS Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

July 24, 2014

Members Present: Linda Clear, Linda Klein, Cathy George, Janet Lopes, Shirley Hines, Carol Jacobs, Peter Killian, Terry Preston

Members Absent: Charlotte Selton, Denis Edgren

Staff Present: Rev. Roger Jones, Rev. Lucy Bunch

Guest: Glory Wicklund, Kathy Strickland

Consent Agenda

The June BOT minutes and Rev. Lucy Bunch's contract were unanimously approved.

Motion Regarding Refugee Children from Central America

Kathy Strickland came to the meeting from the Ted's Web group to ask us to approve a motion regarding the children of Central America who are arriving on our borders. Linda Clear read the motion and it was moved by Linda Klein and seconded by Peter Killian and unanimously approved. Upon examining the written version of the motion, the Executive Committee felt the motion needed some editing. Linda Klein made edits to the motion and submitted it to the members of the Board for approval via an e-mail vote. The motion passed with 6 yes votes, and 1 no vote. Two members did not respond to the e-mail. The approved motion follows.

The Unitarian Universalist Society of Sacramento endorses humane treatment of the children who have arrived at our borders from Central America. We consider these children refugees who are escaping a violent environment and they, therefore, should receive all of the legal rights given to those who are refugees, using a transparent legal due process that respects the dignity and worth of each individual and ensures their health and safety while respecting current laws and local limitations.

In support of that endorsement, Linda Clear, UUSS Board President, Roger Jones, Senior Minister, and Lucy Bunch, Assistant Minister, are encouraged to speak on behalf of the Society at social and public gatherings to convey our concerns about these events and bring awareness to the congregation and community.

We join with ethnic communities in building coalitions and engaging in efforts to make visible and clear that this predominantly white religious denomination, recognizes the need for grass roots engagement to counter the largely anti-

immigrant rhetoric that is gaining so much attention.

UUSS Building Project Updates

Janet Lopes presented an update from the Building Project Steering Committee. Work days to prepare for the move have gone well. The storage shed is getting full. The office has moved to rooms 9 and 10. The Project Delivery Team will be dealing with the budget for the soft costs relating to the building project (chairs, audiovisual equipment, etc) in the future. Soft costs were dramatically reduced from the budget so we will need to determine how to handle that.

John and Judy, our project managers, are meeting with Jackson Construction on a regular basis. The groundbreaking ceremony has been planned.

Treasurer's Report

Glory Wicklund (Treasurer for 2012-13 and 2013-14) gave the End of the Year Financial Report. Overall it was a good year financially with the year ending in with a surplus of almost \$34,000. Pledges came in at 105% of what was budgeted, 98% of pledges were met which is very good. The Sunday plate has done well all year and came in at 110% of budget. Property use was significantly below the amount budgeted. The service auction did very well and netted \$ 21,000. Theatre 1 made \$1200 on Enchanted April.

Staff kept costs down. Staff saved \$2,000 on repairs. Program expenses are more realistic, the programs spent 91% of their budget this in 2013-14.

Moving forward with the building project, Jackson Construction invoices will be okayed by John and Judy, our project managers. Kristen from Five Star Bank will come out and take pictures documenting the work was completed. Then Five Star Bank will pay the invoices.

Stewardship Update

Cathy provided a stewardship update. There will be a half-day stewardship planning retreat on August 23. Chuck Todd and Lauren Todd-Davis will leading the team for the third year and will be looking for some new members.

Membership Update

Linda K. provided a membership update. The welcome committee will be moving the name tags, will have 2 welcome tables, one in sanctuary, one in social hall. They will also help direct parking.

Website Update

Peter reported that the website committee is meeting regularly and he posted information from the last meeting in the July dropbox.

Minister Reports

Rev. Roger Jones reported that leaders are in the process of being recruited for RE programs. Music accompanists have been arranged and auditions and interviews will be scheduled for the vacant accompanist position. Attendance at church has been good so far this summer. Roger will be sending out an all-church letter welcoming folks back to the new church year at SAUCC. Membership is at 400 and we continue to get positive responses to the newcomer orientations.

Rev. Lucy reported that July was a very busy month. Stanton started in his new position. Planning for the move and negotiating with SAUCC have taken up the bulk of Lucy's time in July. She continues to be actively involved with the Steering Committee for the building project.

Program Council

Carol reported that Meg Burnett is the new Chair for Program Council and that the Web Committee made a presentation at their last meeting.

Youth Update

Charlotte has agreed to serve another year as the youth member.

Board Business

Committee Liaisons assignments were discussed. The following are the assignments for 2014-15.

- Program Council- Carol Jacobs, Shirley Hines
- BOT Fundraiser- Janet Lopes
- Membership- Linda K.
- Stewardship- Cathy
- Building Project Steering Committee- Janet
- Website-Peter

The BOT retreat will be held on August 30 at Linda Klein's home. Rev. Roger, Rev. Lucy and President Linda will set the agenda.

Agenda Items for August- set the calendar for the year, activities for members so they stay engaged during our year away. Cathy will center in August.

The date for the November meeting will be November 20 and December will be December 18.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Cathy George, Secretary, Board of Trustees