

Unitarian Universalist Society of Sacramento
Congregational Meeting Minutes
October 27, 2013

Call to Order: Linda Clear, President of the UUSS Board of Trustees (BOT), called the meeting to order at 12:35 when a quorum was established. A total of 103 people signed in at the meeting representing 26 percent of the membership. The minutes from the May 20, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved on a voice vote.

President's Report: UUSS is doing great. It is an exciting time at UUSS with many transitions. We are in the process of calling our senior minister. There is a lot happening right now with the Implementation of the Master Plan and the continuance of our many programs. We currently have a very high level of volunteer activity and want members to continue to volunteer for the many tasks that we need to have done over the next couple of years.

Implementing the Master Plan Updates:

Margaret Wilcox and Joan Rubenson provided updates from the Implementing the Master Plan (IMP) Committee. Margaret Wilcox announced that the IMP Committee recommended and the BOT unanimously approved the selection of the Sierra Arden United Church of Christ (SAUCC) as the temporary facility for UUSS from May 2014 to May 2015 when the building is being renovated. The Committee did a lot of work analyzing three potential temporary sites for UUSS and they received input from the congregation and staff prior to making the recommendation. UUSS will hold one service at 10:30 a.m. at SAUCC as our "home away from home".

The BOT voted to get a formal appraisal on the duplexes. We have two current proposals on the duplexes. If they do not work out the property will be listed with a realtor.

The Contractor selection task force team worked intensely with Jeff Gold. Three companies interviewed. Jackson Construction was recommended by the Task Force and approved by BOT in October. The actual construction contract with Jackson Construction will be finalized in second quarter of 2014.

Carrie Cornwell, Chair to the Capital Campaign, gave a brief status report and asked members to be true to commitments to the capital campaign. If you need to change your commitment to the Capital Campaign, please let Carrie, Ginny Johnson, or Michele (in the office) know.

Minister Candidate Committee: Dana Exum spoke for committee. Roger will hold several open conversations with the congregation on three topics: membership growth, religious education, and community involvement. There will be a call vote on January 26th. A vote of 90% approval is needed to select Roger as our new Senior Minister.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Glory Wicklund went over the Income and Expense Statement for 2012-13 and highlighted major areas above or below expenses. Income from building use was way below projections. We had a misclassification of an employee and a settlement for that was included. We are a UUA Fair Share congregation. Community contributions went up this year. We had a \$35,132 deficit (5%); the gap is primarily the lack of income from building rentals. The congregation has no mortgage and no outside loans.

This year's budget is a very tight budget. Building use by outside renters is low. We are forming a committee to look into how to market building rentals. We are not hiring a music director, Meg Burnett is leading choir, and Roger and Lucy arranging appropriate music for year.

Minister's Report- Acting Senior Minister, Roger Jones expressed appreciation and thanks for all the generosity among congregation. Roger reported that he has been very happy to be serving here and happy that the Board appointed Lucy as Assistant Minister. The stewardship team is now a year-round team working on appreciating generosity. We've had many transitions, many losses, and many new people joining. New members who have joined in last 2 years were asked to stand and be recognized.

Assistant Minister- So grateful to be with you in my half-time position. Oversee office staff. Will be giving eight services this year. Is available for pastoral care. Thanks for your warm welcome.

Community Partners- Five members spoke on behalf of community organizations that were on the Community Partners Ballot for 2014.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:58 p.m.