

MINUTES OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF SACRAMENTO
October 21, 2007

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:45pm. President Kate Throop announced that we had a quorum. The report from Carol Czujko is expected to be available next week. It will be reviewed first for factual accuracy by Kate and by Doug Kraft and will then be mailed to members.
 2. Agenda: President Kate Throop reviewed the agenda.
 3. Minutes: **Motion by John McMillan, seconded by Judy Morrison, to approve the minutes from the May 2007 meeting. Passed unanimously by voice vote.**
 4. Kate thanked the volunteers for conducting the election: Lisa Malkin, Ed Crawford, David Paul, Dorothy Mitchell, Ginny Johnson, and Peter Killian.
 5. Community Contributions: Kate reviewed the ballot and reminded members of the Rank Choice Voting method. Individuals gave brief presentations about some of the nominated Community Contributions groups. Kate noted that we gave approximately \$20,000 to our partner organizations last year. Ballots were turned in.
 6. Treasurer's report: Kate introduced Denis Edgren, Treasurer, who gave a report on the current financial status of UUSS. Several clarification questions were raised by members, and Denis responded to those.
 7. Covenant of Responsible Stewardship: **A motion to adopt was made by Ginny Johnson and seconded by Jeane Davidson. There was no discussion. Passed unanimously by voice vote.**
 8. Green Sanctuary vote: Kate clarified that this is a vote of support for this effort by the entire congregation. If the vote passes, the Green Sanctuary team will develop a plan to be presented to the congregation at the May 2008 meeting, with specific steps to be implemented. **It was moved by Joan Rubenson that we adopt and was seconded by Maryly Reinertson.** Sharon Kamber spoke on behalf of Green Sanctuary. **Passed unanimously by a show of hands.**
 - 9 and 10. Kate announced that the vote on the second called ministry position would be by written ballot. Carrie Cornwell was introduced as the moderator of the discussion. Kate gave a brief overview, reminding members that we are addressing three related questions and will vote on two of them today. The first two questions are advisory questions for the Board and are on the ballot as "yes" or "no" questions: (1) **I want us as a congregation to establish a second called ministry position at the Associate level** and (2) **I want us as a congregation to financially support the new called Associate Minister position beginning in the 2008-09 church year.** The third question, to be decided later in the year, is whether the congregation wants to call Rev. Connie Grant to this position. If we fund an Associate position next year, the Search Committee will recommend a candidate to the congregation. It could be Connie or another candidate. The congregation will then vote on the recommended candidate.
- Doug spoke to clarify the distinction between an Assistant Minister and an Associate Minister. The Associate is a called position and is fully empowered by the congregation, while the Assistant position is hired by the Board. He discussed the implications of this for the congregations, the staff, himself and our programs – especially Religious Education, Membership and new member integration.
- A lively and thoughtful discussion followed, with members speaking for or against one or both questions. Kate thanked Carrie and the speakers. The results will be available at the Board meeting on Thursday evening, October 25. An informal discussion of next steps is scheduled for next Sunday, October 28, following the second service. Ballots were collected.
11. Other business: None was introduced.
 12. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 2:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Wilcox, Vice President
Board of Trustees