

**MINUTES OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF SACRAMENTO
October 18, 2009**

1. President Margaret Wilcox called the meeting to order at 12:50 PM and announced that we had a quorum. Rev. Doug Kraft provided opening words.
2. Agenda: Margaret reviewed the agenda.
3. Minutes: **Minutes from the May 17, 2009 meeting were approved without objection.**
4. Margaret thanked the volunteers for conducting the election: Thomasina Bailey, Lauren Davis-Todd, Dorothy Mitchell, and Chuck Todd.
5. Amendments to the UUSS Constitution were approved as follows:

Article VII, Section 6 (2)

Currently reads: "The Treasurer shall serve for a term of two years, and may not be elected or appointed to serve in any capacity on the Board of Trustees or Nominating Committee until one year has passed after his/her term expires."

Proposed change: *"The Treasurer shall serve for a term of two years."*

**Moved by Rich Howard, and seconded by Taylor Carey, to adopt this change.
Passed on a voice vote.**

Article X, Section 4 (1)

Currently reads: "Chairs of all committees shall be selected by the members of their respective committees and approved by the Board of Trustees, and shall be members of the Society, except the chairs of the Nominating and Communication Facilitation committees who shall be elected as previously described herein.

Proposed change: *"Chairs of all committees shall be selected by the members of their respective committees and shall be members of the Society. Chairs of the Nominating and Communication Facilitation Committees shall be members of the Society and shall be elected as previously described herein."*

**Moved by John Vawter, seconded by Maryly Reinertson, to adopt this change.
Passed unanimously by a voice vote.**

6. **Sharon Alexander moved and Barbara Hopkins seconded that UUrth Song Community Garden be given suborganization status with UUSS. Passed unanimously by a voice vote.**

7. Discussion and vote on community contribution partners for 2010: vote was by rank choice ballot among 16 proposed partners:

Community Partners for 2010
Family Promise of Sacramento
Loaves and Fishes
UULM
St. John's Shelter
Children's Receiving Home
Birthing Project Clinic
Mustard Seed School
Sacramento Food Bank
Sacramento Self Help Housing
Turning Point
Women's Empowerment

8. Margaret gave a brief report on the work of the 2009-10 Board of Trustees, including noting that the board's number one priority for this year is implementing the five-year plan for the church that the congregation adopted in May. She noted that the board has named liaisons to each of the plan's three initiatives, which are 1) developing a new, environmentally-friendly master plan for the campus, 2) deepening our ministry to families and children, and 3) building connections with UUSS members. The first two of the three have board-appointed task forces in place to oversee implementation.

The board's second priority this year is better recognizing financial donors to UUSS, which has begun with the poster in the foyer noting those making fair share pledges, and which will continue with a donor recognition tree that will soon appear in the foyer that will recognize those who have given \$10,000 or more to UUSS.

Margaret noted that the board has authorized a fund drive to raise money to pay our UUA and PCD dues. She introduced Ron Selge, who is leading this drive with Linda Clear. Ron described and asked for support to fund our association of congregations, UUA and its district, PCD, to which we belong. The fund drive will take place in November.

9. Margaret gave an overview of *Building the Future – A Five-Year Plan*, including discussing its three goals, by naming the members of the Family/Intergenerational Task Force, noting that Carole Czujko is helping to implement members' connections, and that

the task force working on the new entryway has become the UU Master Planners, the task force to implement the building and grounds goal. She also introduced Ginger Enrico from UUMP, who gave an overview of the work of that task force, including its outreach efforts and the priorities it is receiving for a new master plan.

10. Treasurer Lisa Malkin gave a report on the budget thus far. She noted that year-to-date income is \$164,168.51, or 101% of the budgeted amount, and that YTD expenses are \$146,298.46, 87% of budgeted amount. Current assets minus liabilities \$61,561.
11. The ministers gave reports. Rev. Doug Kraft noted that UUSS is a vibrant place this fall with Roger Jones back for his second year, with Carole Czujko here for her ministerial internship, Margaret Wilcox continuing as president, and Bob Oyafuso managing the first-in-a-long-while major capital project of constructing a new entry to the church. He also noted the good work of UUMP and its chair, Barbara Gardner, on a challenging assignment.

Rev. Roger Jones noted how happy he is to be back for his second year to work on child and adult religious education, on intergenerational programming, and with the Membership Committee, among his other duties. He reported that the new RE curriculum, Spirit Play, is popular with the kids and with the teachers. He thanked RE Assistant Janet Lopes and RE Committee chair, Jeannine Newcum. He noted the good works of the Membership Committee to greet folks at church each Sunday and to orient new members.

Carole Czujko described her work as a ministerial intern through which she is focusing on member support and the journey from first-time visitor to fully integrated member of the congregation.

12. Under Other Business, Eileen Karpilees moved and Dick Taylor seconded that the UUMP be encouraged to explore further the use of our rental property area for condominium, cooperative, or co-housing development.
13. Adjourn: **Edith Isaacs moved and Lisa Derthick seconded that the meeting adjourn. Passed unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 2:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie Cornwell, Secretary
Board of Trustees