

**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF SACRAMENTO**  
**DRAFT MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**August 24, 2006**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Judi Morrison, Tina Stedman, Terry Preston, Steve Hoverman, Denis Edgren, Kate Throop, Virginia Dunstan, Alice Lopes

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Celine Walker, John Abbott

**STAFF PRESENT:** Doug Kraft, Connie Grant, Dave McMorris

**GUESTS PRESENT:** None

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Kate Throop read the selection, "Rules for Rafting" for the centering portion of the meeting.

**I. AGENDA REVIEW:** There were no changes to the agenda.

**II. CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion to approve consent agenda made by John McMillan, seconded by Judi Morrison. Motion passed with all aye votes, no abstentions.

**III. MINISTERIAL MATTERS:**

Minister for Education, **Connie Grant** was introduced. Members of the Board, in turn, each introduced themselves, their length of time on the board, position, and three words to describe their love for UUSS.

**Doug Kraft** pointed out an area on his written report that he would like to see as an emphasis for discussion, i.e. consideration of how UUSS might better organize to serve the needs of the society. The current assumption that the committee structure must be used should be looked at critically in view of changing attitudes of volunteers. Many want to avoid committee meetings and leadership of committees. Beginning discussion of this topic was suggested for the retreat.

Discussion around this issue by board members suggested that people are often willing to perform tasks as part of a project but not willing to come to a lot of planning meetings. The question of "how do we get more members on our committee" is often heard and a new approach is needed. To assist us in organizational and other planning, Stefan Jonansson, from UUA, will be offering his consultation services in February 07.

**Connie Grant** stated that her first sermon will be Sept 24<sup>th</sup>. She reported that Liz Leavy, RE Coordinator, has done a lot of planning for RE over the summer. Connie will be available Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays. Her space is the former "Tuesday Club" office.

**IV. OPERATIONAL MATTERS:**

**Administrator's Report:** **Dave McMorris** reported that he has been in the position of Business Manager for six months. He expressed his appreciation to Kate Throop, many volunteers and the congregation for an enjoyable six months in the position. Dave's report listed the many accomplishments he has achieved in his six months. RE roof:

some of the needed finishing on the RE roof are being completed. Duplexes: The duplex available for rental has been painted inside and is being advertised. .

**Kate Throop** commended Dave for his accomplishments and said the board will complete Dave's six month evaluation at the board retreat.

**Treasurer's Report:**

**Denis Edgren** pointed out that the current surplus shown on the financial report is somewhat misleading because some funds have been committed. Potential losses of income need to be considered, i.e. Refer a Chef will no longer be leasing the kitchen in a few months. The duplexes, if not all rented, will also affect our anticipated income. Pledge income is at 98%. Advance pledges, contrary to previous years, are being divided into income for 12 months. Denis recommended that: A reserve account line item for emergencies should be included in next year's budget. The total cost of the RE roof replacement was \$138,000. The borrowed amount was \$150,000.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Denis Edgren, seconded by Judi Morrison, that the board apply any unused funds from the roof loan, (approximately \$12,000) to the outstanding principal. Motion passed unanimously, no abstentions.

**Doug Kraft** reminded the board of a suggestion made at a previous board meeting, that a wish list be compiled to be given to members who wish to contribute in other ways besides pledging. **Terry Preston** said he has been gathering suggestions and will continue to do so. **Topic moved to September agenda.**

**Kate Throop** reminded the board that the next congregational conversation will be September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Two topics for this session will be: 1) How can UUSS be more visible in the community? 2) What is the process for getting a congregational endorsement of an issue? She also announced that Refer a Chef will continue to provide the lunches for a \$5.00 charge. She will write up this information for Sunday blue sheet. The next congregational meeting is scheduled for October 22d.

**Parking Lot:** 1) Wish List for contributors; 2) restructuring of UUSS committee system; 3) Discussion about the action needed when there is loss of income from the catering lease and duplexes.

**Recap of Task List:**

1. **Kate Throop** will write an announcement for the blue sheet re lunches.
2. **Terry Preston** will continue to compile a wish list.

**Board adjourned at 9:00 pm.**

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Virginia Dunstan, UUSS Board secretary**