

**Unitarian Universalist Society of Sacramento**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**August 28, 2008 -- 7:30 PM**  
**MINUTES**

Margaret Wilcox called the meeting to order and welcomed new board members at 8:00 PM. (After those present watched Democratic Presidential Nominee Barack Obama deliver his speech accepting his nomination at the Democratic Convention.)

Board members present: Margaret Wilcox, Linda Klein, Denis Edgren, Judy Morrison, Barbara Hopkins, Lisa Malkin, Fred Schlaepfer, and Carrie Cornwell. Board member absent: John Abbott

Guests: No guests present.

Staff present: Dave McMorris, Doug Kraft, Roger Jones

**Consent Agenda:**

Judy Morrison moved and Linda Klein seconded that the July minutes be approved.

Judy Morrison moved and Linda Klein seconded that David R. McMorris and Elizabeth Malkin be signatories on UUSS's Golden One account effective August 1, 2008, that Denis Edgren be removed as a signatory, and that David McMorris be authorized as the signer on UUSS's Golden One Visa.

**Ministerial Matters:**

**Rev. Doug Kraft** reported that he attended the Program Council retreat for three days earlier this month, that he and Roger have begun coordinating their ministerial duties, and that he will be starting a Sharing the Path course. In addition, he reminded us of new service times: 9:30 and 11:15. Doug's, Roger's, and David's general responsibilities are shown on the attached.

**Roger** greeted the board and presented a written report. He is engaged in meeting folks and in recruiting RE teachers.

**Operational Matters:**

**Treasurer's report:** Lisa Malkin reported that so far this year (*i.e.*, the month of July), we are at 112% of budgeted income and at 90% of budgeted expenses. In addition, Lisa reported that the Finance Committee in the next month or so will be making a recommendation to the board on how to address an expected cash shortfall later in the year.

**Business Administrator's report:** David reported that 305 pledges have been received for a total of \$411,173, yielding an average pledge for 2008-09 of \$1,348. He also reported that we have accepted an offer on the Armstrong Drive house, which is expected to close around October 1 and which will net approximately \$206,000 to the church. Dave also raised the issue of losses on Sunday lunches, for which we currently charge \$5 for each adult with guests and children free of charge and which currently costs UUSS \$6.15 (\$6 to the caterer and \$0.15 for plates and utensils).

### **Organizational/Relationship Matters:**

**Sunday lunch fee:** Linda Klein moved and Judy Morrison seconded that UUSS charge \$7 for adults and free for children and guests for Sunday lunches. Motion passed unanimously.

**Report from Program Council:** Fred Schlaepfer and Barbara Hopkins reported that the Program Council retreat went very well and that the Program Council there decided that Fran Kennedy and Judy Moore would be co-chairs. Also, council members were assigned liaison duties for the year. The Program Council will focus on membership, all ages, and events for the year. There is some lack of clarity as to whether the board or the council has primary responsibility for membership.

**Report from Personnel Committee liaison:** Linda Klein reported that the Personnel Committee is revising the personnel handbook, which will be before the board in October.

**Endorsement of Equality for All/California Faith for Equality:** Margaret Wilcox presented the "Vow to vote no on the marriage ban" for endorsement by the congregation. Carrie Cornwell moved and Linda Klein seconded that UUSS sign on to the vow. Motion passed unanimously.

**UULM Covenant of Collaboration:** Margaret Wilcox presented the UU Legislative Ministry covenant, which requires a financial commitment. Barbara Hopkins moved and Lisa Malkin seconded that UUSS sign the covenant of collaboration with UULM. Motion passed unanimously.

**Association Sunday:** This is an effort to raise funds on one Sunday for the UUA. It started last year. This year it will be October 12, though the date is flexible, and funds will be for ministerial and lay leadership development.

**Recap- Parking lot - Dates to remember:** Congregational Conversation is September 7 (Margaret Wilcox will attend). Executive Committee will meet September 16 at noon at UUSS. September board meeting is on the 25th. Board retreat is on September 27th at 1:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Submitted by Carrie Cornwell, Secretary, UUSS Board of Trustees