

**Unitarian Universalist Society of Sacramento
Board of Trustees Meeting
January 28, 2010**

MINUTES

Call to Order & Welcome Guests. Margaret Wilcox called the meeting to order at 7:41 PM.

Board members present: Margaret Wilcox, Carrie Cornwell, Alice Lopes, Lisa Malkin, Jeff Voeller, Kathy Canan, Cathy Whitney, and John Abbott. Board members absent: Linda Klein and David Navarro.

Staff present: Rev. Doug Kraft, Rev. Roger Jones, David McMorris, and Carole Czujko

Guests present: Patricia Thomas, Barbara Hopkins, Rick Caughey, Dorothy Mitchell, Clair Urness, Chelsea Markell

Consent agenda: The December 2009 minutes and a request from a member for a financial waiver for 2009-10 were approved unanimously.

ORGANIZATIONAL/RELATIONSHIP MATTERS

Family Promise request: Barbara Hopkins gave some background on Family Promise and UUSS's involvement with it. Family Promise will be holding a fundraiser, a play on April 17th in our auditorium. Barbara asked that UUSS waive the rental fee. Cathy moved and Jeff seconded that UUSS waive its rental fee. Passed unanimously.

Building the Future: Building & Grounds Strategic Planning Task Force (UUMP) update: Margaret reported on the task force's work on a strategy for developing a master planning process for UUSS. The task force will bring this strategy proposal to the board next month and then to the congregation at the May congregational meeting. The task force also has reached a resolution on repairs to the canopy over the entryway structure that failed in the rain earlier this winter.

Priorities for the 2010-11 Budget: Lisa listed the budget priorities that board members articulated. Guests and board members discussed the priorities listed and then board members used colored dots to denote our top three priorities for the 2010-2011 budget. The top priorities that board members identified in order were 1) balanced budget, 2) fully fund UUA/PCD dues, and tied for 3) fund capital outlay and reserve fund and fund ministerial salaries at appropriate levels. Lisa then reviewed the budget development process going forward.

Building the Future: Family/intergenerational task force update: Lisa, Roger, and Carrie gave a brief update on the work of the task force. Half of the task force is forming a group to survey families in the church to find out what they want out of church. Carrie reported that the other task force members formed a subgroup to nurture leaders in the church who initiate, organize, and lead programs. This subgroup held a focus group meeting with church leaders to collect information on what succeeds and what doesn't plus what presents challenges in leading at UUSS.

Building the Future: Connections Task Force update: Carole reported that this task force met and now members are exploring how the church remains in contact with members to identify

duplication and black holes. Other task force members are looking at “best practices” within the denomination. The task force has also set a regular monthly meeting.

Stewardship campaign cottage meeting sign up reminder: Margaret passed around a sign up sheet for board members to sign up to be present at cottage meetings as part of this year’s stewardship campaign.

Memorial plaque policy: Jeff moved and Alice seconded that the board approve the attached policy for memorial plaques. This motion was tabled until next month for further refinement.

Program Council report: Jeff reported that the Program Council has formed an Aesthetics Committee, but has been unable to name a chair. He also reported that a Denominational Connections Committee has been formed, with Ron Selge as the chair. Doris Simonis has purchased an advertisement for UUSS in the CSUS *Hornet*.

MINISTERIAL MATTERS:

Doug reported that the new young adults group is forming an informal, after-church lunch group to which people will bring their lunches. LGBT group is also going well. Doug has been away at a number of ministerial retreats.

Roger reported that new members will need board witnesses for signing the membership book the first two Sundays in February. Board members volunteered to witness. He also submitted a written report.

Carole reported that her pastoral time is up including with those who are new. She worked with SHYG for two Sundays to prepare for the MLK service. Carole has been active with, but will be stepping out of UUMPs, and is now giving more support to stewardship. She is working with the Program Council to expand the circle of folks who staff the Connections Central table. In February, Carole will be leading an Adult RE class on multiculturalism.

OPERATIONAL MATTERS:

Treasurer's report: Lisa reported that income YTD was 97% of budget and expenses YTD were 94% of budget. Building use income and duplex rent both ran at only about 50% of budget for the month of December.

Business Administrator's report: Membership has decreased to 376, which is the number David certified to UUA this month. David reported that we have 323 active pledges for 2009-10, but some have reduced their pledge amount. Two duplexes remain vacant, and David has lowered the rents that we are advertising. The website is now fully updated.

Recap - parking lot - dates to remember: Next board meeting is February 25th.

Meeting adjourned at 9:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Carrie Cornwell, Secretary, UUSS Board of Trustees