

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST Society OF SACRAMENTO
MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES Meeting

JULY 27, 2006

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Kate Throop, Celine Walker, Tina Stidman, Judith Morrison, John McMillan, David Paul. John Abbot. Terry Preston and Dennis Edgren.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Steve Hoverman, Virginia Dunstan and Alice Lopes.

STAFF PRESENT: David McMorris

GUESTS: None present

The meeting was called to order at 7:03. Introductions and brief bios of all were presented.

I. AGENDA REVIEW: Discussion of process re: Item III - Consent Agenda. Items included in the Consent Agenda come from the prior meeting's minute

III CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by David Paul to approve minutes of June 15, 2006, seconded by John McMillan and motion passed.

IV MINISTERIAL MATTERS: Rev. Connie Grant, our new acting minister for education is coming to Sacramento at "any minute" as in this evening. They are renting a house and her husband John will be returning to Chicago. She will be present at the retreat. Her official start date is August 1st, 2006. Her office is off the Fahs room.

V OPERATIONAL MATTERS: Treasurers Report: Discussion of budget passed by Congregation in June i.e.: moving toward a balanced budget. Deficit is down to almost \$2,000 and Dennis is comfortable moving ahead with this amount of a deficit. Dennis and David McMorris are working on reorganizing the "Chart of Account" to indicate where money is coming from and where it is going. David has negotiated a new lease with Country Day re: parking, resulting in \$6,000 more income. Question: (What are we going to do about the negative \$1,000. a month re: Refer A Chef/caterer situation?)

Dennis moved that we have a new board policy that states that UUSS agrees to pay promptly UUSS obligations including denomination and community contributions, from the Sunday Plate, member note interest and principle payments (for example). Terry Preston seconded this motion. DISCUSSION: Kate Throop commented that community contributions were not necessarily paid month to month due to cash flow circumstances. To date, all of the community contributions have been paid. John McMillan raised the question re: the word "policy". David McMorris suggested that "adopted policies" be put in a binder and dated for informational purposes; Kate Throop noted that board minutes are kept in a binder in the office and that board policies could be added to this binder. This motion passed with no abstentions.

Dennis Edgren announced that Terry Throop no longer wants to be chair of the Finance Committee. Dennis declines this position at this time.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT: David McMorris reported how pleased he was with our members recent contributions; we have \$21,000. in the bank and cash flow is good. We have some quality construction problems with Quality Single Ply and this is being addressed. Advanced pledges of \$30,000. are in the Money Market Account.

Refer a Chef needs a bigger situation than we can give them here. They are going to open a new restaurant on Arden and Eastern. We are not sure when they are actually moving out. David commented that other caterers are interested in renting our kitchen.

Discussion about banner ordered by and put up by Interweave re: the Marriage Equality Banner. How long is it going to be up? Will it be placed somewhere in amore permanent place? Kate Throop expressed concern regarding the process and/or policy in connection with the entire "banner" situation. These questions will be answered at our board retreat in August. David

announced that the office staff ONLY will be managing the calendar and that we're moving to have all this information on our web site.

VI ORGANIZATION/RELATIONSHIP MATTERS

Kate brought up for discussion a letter received from Pete Martineau; Item one: email addresses and phone numbers of all board members being published in the 'Order of Service'. The group present did not think that this was necessary to have that published in the order of service or the Unigram. That information is already in our directory and members can write to whomever they wish through uuss.org. Item two: requested that a folder for each board member be available; there are folders already available sitting in a box on top of the mail boxes. Item three: Question? Are all decisions made by the whole board? The Executive Board meets to set the agenda items before board meetings. The Executive Board does not make decisions. John Abbot would like to see the Executive Board make decisions about relatively minor, housekeeping issues and have the full board use it's time to discuss the 'big picture ie: the capitol fund drive. Kate Throop will answer Pete Martineau's letter.

Discussions re: Community Contributions Plan for 2006 - 2007. Kate shared a letter from Sharon Alexander suggesting that 1. community contributions be done directly and 2. that the board set up a standing committee to handle all elections. Virginia Dunstan, board secretary, is heading a task force re: elections. Stan Whitside sent a letter suggesting that we develop some of our real estate. We will invite him to join the Long Range Planning Committee. Kate distributed a form re: Community Contributions; this form is for the congregation to nominate various organizations. After the forms have been distributed and returned the congregation will vote and the top 11 (July and August are combined) will receive funds accordingly.

Housekeeping Details: The Board reviewed the calendar for next year. There are three important August dates: August 1 ~ - joint BOT and Program Council meeting from 9:30 to 12:00 in the Fahs Room; August 24 - BOT meeting and August 25 - 27 is the BOT retreat. Celine Walker has volunteered to be the board's liaison to the Program Council - Thank you Celine!

Kate Throop closed the meeting with a sharing of all present reading "Beatitudes for Justice Builders" by Rev. Lindi Ramsden. Meeting Adjourned at 9:00.

Note: Kate Throop will be answering all the letters that were discussed at the board meeting.
Respectfully Submitted,

Judith Morrison, Substitute Secretary