

**Unitarian Universalist Society of Sacramento  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
September 25, 2008**

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order & Welcome Guests.** Margaret Wilcox called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

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

Staff present: David McMorris, Roger Jones, Doug Kraft

Members present: Linda Hoganson, Barbara Gardner

**Consent agenda:** The August Board meeting minutes and Rev. Roger Jones' housing allowance of \$14,400 for this year were approved unanimously.

**Ministerial matters:**

**Roger** presented the Religious Education for Children and Youth Handbook. He also commented on the difficulty of getting RE teachers, but through combining some age groups, all classes now have teachers.

**Doug** talked about the new service times (9:30 and 11:15), and the growth in numbers coming to early service. On October 12th, Doug will light the chalice at the Service of Remembrance. Doug also commented on the heavy load of pastoral work right now.

**Operational Matters:**

**Treasurer's report.** Lisa Malkin reported that so far this year, we are at 115% of budgeted income and at 89% of budgeted expenses.

**Business Administrator's report.** David reported that the buyer for the Armstrong property has had trouble closing the deal. If he does not complete all needed paperwork by Monday at 10 AM, the house will go back on the market. David also gave an update on estates that name UUSS as a beneficiary.

**Organizational/Relationship Matters:**

**Vision into Action update.** Barbara Gardner reported on the work of the Vision into Action Committee, which has done the follow on work from our Searching for Our Future weekend. Two biggest action items to come from that were campus development and green sanctuary. John McMillan is heading a task force on campus development to rethink the church entry. That task force is currently soliciting ideas from members of the congregation and will be working with an architect. In addition, the committee is going directly to the congregation to see which of 239 recommendations from Searching for Our Future weekend are already underway.

**Fundraising policy.** A couple of committees would like to fundraise in response to their reduced budgets. Currently, UUSS policy precludes committees from fundraising for themselves and any

funds a committee raises go into the church general fund. Margaret assigned Linda Klein, Barbara Hopkins, John Abbott, and Lisa Malkin to a task force to develop a proposed fundraising policy, including related administrative/resource issues.

**Website process and procedures.** UUSS currently has no process or procedures for our website. Linda Hoganson posted our first UUSS webpage in 1996. Jasper Russell is the current web master, but typically Linda Hoganson and David McMorris spend a lot of time posting items to our website. Jeremy Ebler was chair of the communication committee and webmaster, but he is now away at college. Bob Oyafuso is a possible chair of a new website committee, and David will contact him to find out if he will serve. The committee would be charged with developing procedures for our website, including an oversight system for our website.

**Sunday lunches.** David reported that fewer people are eating lunch on Sunday. To ensure better accounting for the caterer and the church, David and Linda Hoganson have developed a ticket system. Napoli, the caterer, has dropped the 50 minimum.

**Report from Program Council Members.** Barbara Hopkins and Fred Schlaepfer reported that at its meeting the Program Council spent some time on preparing for the opportunity fair on Sunday, October 12th.

**Recap - parking lot - dates to remember:** Board retreat is September 27. Congregational meeting is on Oct. 19th. Next board meeting Oct. 23rd.

Meeting adjourned at 9:31.

Submitted by Carrie Cornwell, Secretary, UUSS Board of Trustees