

Minutes

First Unitarian Church of Oakland Board of Trustees

April 27, 2010

The meeting started at 7:30 P.M. in the Starr King room at church.

In attendance at the meeting were Jon Greer, Noemi de Guzman, Charles Williams, Dan Goss, Rinda Bartley, Bev Smrha, Giselle Ampuero, Reeann Dixon, Bob Crowe, Kathy Huff, Charla Weiss, Cat Ishida.

Charles Williams opened the meeting with a reading.

We sang *Happy Birthday* to Bev Smrha!

Agenda:

We reviewed the agenda and there were no alterations.

Consent agenda:

Jon Greer moved and Charles Williams seconded a motion to accept the consent agenda. This was approved unanimously.

Connecting with the Senior Minister:

We heard an update on current activities and vision from Rev. Kathy Huff.

Ends Refinement:

Dan Goss led a discussion of a proposed new draft of our Ends Policies.

We agreed on draft motion text which **Dan Goss will post** on our bulletin board as soon as possible. We'll plan to vote next month.

Process Observations

Process observations were made by Bob Crowe and Giselle Ampuero

Board Annual Priorities:

Rinda Bartley led us through a process during which we began setting our priorities as a Board for this year. Rinda recorded our initial brainstormed ideas. **Rinda will continue the process** next month.

Summary of Discussion Highlights and Decisions for Institutional Memory

The following are ideas of things we want to remember and thought were important:

- Kathy has said she'll give us a more full report on her two-year Dreaming Big UUA experience.

- Want Sr. Minister's report to be simple to create, and share the details in person so that the Board learns more.
- We can ask Rev. Kathy to bring her knowledge into the room about something we're interested in.
- We had two items for our creation of the future and made progress on them.
- Most of us spoke on the issue of oppression.
- Sometimes wordsmithing in a group actually works.
- Tonight's Ends revision process was inspiring and the product was really good.
- Would like more time for connection with Sr. Minister

Next Steps: Assignments and Next Meeting Agenda

Rinda Bartley reviewed the assignments for the next Board meeting.

Noemi deGuzman led us through the process of setting next month's Board meeting.

Process Observations

Process observations were made by Reeann Dixon and Charles Williams

Closing

Charles Williams led us in a closing