

First Unitarian Church of Oakland Board of Trustees
Approved Minutes of August 28, 2012 Board Meeting

Present: Rev. Kathy Huff, Giselle Ampuero, Andrew Lee, Randall Wright, Jill Miller, Anne Own, Claudia Morgan, Bob Crowe, Brian Jeffries, Julie Baeder, Joani Blank, congregant, Margaret Woodside.

The meeting was called to order in the Starr King room at 7:15 pm by Giselle Ampuero, President.

Opening Words and reading of the Board Covenant: Bob Crowe.

Consent Agenda

The minutes of the July 24, 2012 were approved. The Senior Minister's Executive Report was received.

Connecting with the Executive.

Kathy gave us a report of Revive Oakland group's big win in getting the Oakland City Council to pass a n important Jobs package with huge wins for the community and workers. A goodly number of our congregation was part of the effort.

There will be a Jubilee Training in January for our church partnering with the Hayward UU Church.

Kathy expressed thanks for the one to one meetings.

SAVE THE DATE, September 30. There will be a special program after a 10:30 worship service. It is planned as a Conversation on Vision and Dreams.

Quarterly Financial Report

Julie Baeder presented the report from Doug Johnson. She explained that the format is somewhat different because the data is going in to Quicken. There was discussion and general relief that the figures were up to date.

Stewardship Update

Bob Crowe reported that the Stewardship Committee had the first meeting of the new year and will carry forward the ideas of last year. Jill Miller is bowing out of the regular work of the committee and we will need to appoint someone to replace her. Jill will help out with special projects as time permits. Last year the tree was a great metaphor. The year, instead of leaves, we will have acorns. The committee is hoping to get folks talking about money with more intention and less discomfort. There will be colored envelopes in the pews for people who would like to do their pledge this way. They could also be used for extra gifts. Jill's idea. No big stewardship event is planned for now, maybe in the winter.

Multicultural Activity

Jill gave us 3 questions to think about and discuss with our neighbor. Again, this was a very engaging exercise. Thank you, Jill.

Board Annual Priorities

The board went into caucus to discuss. We came together with our group priorities. There was no clear agreement. Three trustees brought up the issue of monitoring. A motion was made and seconded that we make Stewardship a priority again. After discussion, the motion passed. Another motion was made and seconded that each individual or group of the Board make a commitment to do something concrete to further the Stewardship priority. The motion passed.

Summary of Discussion and Decisions for Institutional Memory.

The agenda item Q & A that was not covered tonight be postponed to the Board Retreat.
That a process of creating annual board priorities be created to help future boards.
Priorities should appear on the agenda.

Board Calendar Review

September 7-9 All Church Retreat
October 13-15 Women's Retreat
October 13 Board Retreat

Process Observation

All Members

Closing Circle

Bob Crowe