

First Unitarian Church of Oakland, Board of Trustees Meeting, February 26, 2013, Draft Minutes

Present: Claudia Morgan, Jill Miller, Brian Jeffries, Andrew Lee, Randall Wright, Anne Lown, Robert Crowe, Margaret Woodside, Giselle Ampuero, and Rev. Kathy Huff.

Guests: Liam Alequire, Charlotte Dickson, Dan Goss, Rinda Bartley, Elinor Mattern, Dick Bailey, Joe Christafalo.

Chalice Lighting and Opening Words

Andy Lee

Check-In

Multicultural Activity

Randall Wright

Consent Agenda

The Agenda of February 26, 2013 Board Meeting was removed for further discussion.

Approval of the minutes of January 22, 2013 Board Meeting was removed for further discussion

The Senior Minister's Executive Report for February 26, 2013 was accepted.

Connecting with the Nominating Committee

Randall Wright

The agenda was modified to give more time to connecting with the Nominating Committee.

Chairman, Randall Wright, described the process followed by the Nominating Committee. Statements were received and potential candidates were interviewed. This is the usual procedure followed by the NC; two people were selected for the slate, as it was believed that Claudia Morgan would be the third candidate as she had agreed to run. A ruling from our attorney, Ingrid Mittermaier, concluded that Claudia was appointed to fill a 1-year vacancy and therefore needed to be on the ballot.

Our attorney also ruled that it was within the church by-laws to increase the number of trustees to 12 but it could be only done incrementally as we could only vote for four candidates each year until the total was achieved. Thus a slate of 4 candidates was presented by the NC: Jaki Lee, Dan Goss, Chris Sutherland and Claudia Morgan. The board accepted this slate. A motion was made by Brian Jeffries and seconded by Bob Crowe that the board approve the increase of the numbers of the board from 9 to 10. Motion carried.

Annual Congregational Meeting

All

Giselle presented a draft agenda for the meeting. A final agenda will be presented at the March 17 meeting.

The subject of questions from the congregation regarding contributions to support Rev. Jacqueline's call to ministry was raised. . Brian Jeffries who chairs the finance committee that will present a report to the congregation in May on the sustainable effort necessary to offer this call. We must be able to insure that we can afford to have a Community Minister for the future. Rev. Jacqueline also has some trepidation about having the ministry purchased for her. Some statement about the situation will be made at the Annual Meeting.

Charlotte Dickson will make the recommendation from the CoSM regarding the election of a Nominating Committee from the congregation annually. She will also make the CoSM recommendation regarding the reorganization of the CoSM.

Randall will make the motion on the congregationally elected Nominating Committee.

Election of Board Officers for 2013-2013

All

President: Jill Miller
Vice President: Randall Wright
Treasurer: Brian Jeffries
Secretary: Margaret Woodside

Because of the lateness of the hour, report from the Senior Minister and other committee reports were postponed until the March Meeting.

Summary of Discussion and Creation of the Future

Margret Woodside

Need for a financial Report
Ordination of Cathy Rion Starr
Increasing the number of Board members
Shifting power back t the Congregation
Annual Meeting issues
What to report about calling Rev. Jacqueline

Process Observation

All Trustees

Closing

Andy Lee

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40. The next meeting of the Board will be on March 12, 2013 at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Margaret Woodside, Secretary