

**First Unitarian Church of Oakland, Board of Trustees Meeting, March 12, 2013,  
Draft Minutes**

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

Guests: Dan Goss, Charles Mastin, Noemi de Guzman, Liam Aleguire, Beverly Smrha.

The Board met in closed session at 6 p.m, to discuss this year's nominating process and feedback received. The attorney who advises the Board was present to discuss the church by-law that allowed us to increase the number of BoT members from 9 to 12.

Because the discussion continued past the time allotted, much of the published agenda was deleted.

**Chalice Lighting & Opening Reading**

**Giselle Ampuero**

**Consent Agenda**

Adoption of Agenda of March 12, 2013 Board Meeting

Approval of Minutes of February 26, 2013

Acknowledge Receipt of March 2013 Senior Minister's Report

Appoint delegates to Pacific Central District Assembly: Judith Hunt, Emily Stoper, Joani Blank, and Beverly Smrha

The Agenda was modified to permit the continuation of the discussion begun in the Closed Meeting.

The February 26, 2013 Draft Minutes were removed for changes.

Other items were accepted.

**Finance Committee Report**

**Brian Jeffries**

Brian reported that the plan for financing the call for a Minister of community engagement is moving forward. A separate fundraising committee to call Rev. Jacqueline Duhart to fill that position is being formed. Members have expressed interest in contributing to such a fund. The goal is to establish an endowment fund that will guarantee funds to make a 5-year commitment to having a second minister.

Tom Haw believes that she can establish such an endowment fund beginning with a donation of \$90,000 from him and Mary Ann. Brian hopes to begin the fund raising at the Annual meeting.

Questions arose regarding the plan:

How did the plan get the go-ahead? Who has the authority to make this decision? Who's in charge of the money and of the call for a Minister of Community Engagement? These

important issues will be addressed in the Congregational meeting tentatively scheduled for May.

**Annual Congregational Meeting (Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

Board election: Since it possible that there will be a nomination from the floor, the top 4 vote getters will be elected. In case of a contested election, paper ballots will be used. If someone is nominated from the floor, that person has to accept in order to be voted on.

Our attorney reassured the Board that Claudia had been appointed for one year to end in 2013. She will be one of the 4 candidates in this election.

Beverly Smrha wants us to consider the implications of the outcome of our actions with regard to the nominating process.

**Process Observation**

All Board.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

Respectfully submitted,  
Margaret Woodside, Board Secretary