

First Unitarian Church of Oakland
Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting
July 28, 2015, 7:15-9:30 p.m.

Members Present: B Avalon, Laurel Egenberger, Dan Goss, Jaki Lee, Claudia Morgan (Chair), Kenji Oshima (via Skype), Emily Stoper, Kris Wedding Crowell

Visitors: Bev Smrha, Jodie Mathies, Dennis Rowcliffe

The meeting was called to order at 7:15. A chalice was lit and Jaki Lee offered an opening reading. Emily read aloud her announcement of the death of Church member Linda Clarke.

It was moved by Emily and seconded by Kris to approve the consent agenda (Minutes of May 2015 meeting and appointment of Heather MacLeod to the Journey Toward Wholeness Transformation Team). This passed unanimously.

A Board Nominating Committee, consisting of B Avalon, Dan Goss and Laurel Egenberger, was appointed. Its function is to seek two new members for the Executive Team and a replacement on the Board for Samantha Ames, who has resigned her position. In order to ensure a smooth transition, the new Executive Team members will serve for a few months in tandem with the people they will replace, before assuming full membership in Spring 2016.

It was moved by Kris and seconded by Kenji to appoint Dick Bailey, Charlotte Dickson, Lynn Gallogly, Judith Hunt, Betty Bobo Seiden, and Bev Smrha to the Ad Hoc Committee on Ministry, which is charged with looking into all requests for church sponsorship of ministerial candidates and making recommendations to the Board. So far, such requests have been received from Sarah Caine, Claire Eustace, Michelle Ma and Kevin Mann.

Emily moved (and B seconded) to amend the motion by setting a deadline of the September Board meeting for the completion of the work of the ad hoc committee. The amendment passed with 5 yeses, 1 no and 1 abstention. The main motion passed unanimously. The committee will be told informally which candidates need the decision earliest.

After a Process Monitor Report by Dennis and a break for snacks, the Board discussed at length a draft of a work plan for the Board that had been prepared by Emily, with help from Chris. A number of suggestions for improvement were made. Emily will revise the draft, with new and clearer priorities, and bring it back to the next meeting for final prioritization and approval.

Dennis then presented another Process Monitor Report and Emily led the Multicultural Exercise.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Stoper, Secretary