

Report from the Board of Trustees

Board Meeting of April 27, 2010

We opened our meeting with a reading from Rumi and an acknowledgement of Bev Smrha's 74th birthday! Birthday cake and singing ensued.

On the consent agenda we received a first quarter cash flow report from the Executive Team and approved Mary Foran as a delegate to the Pacific Central District Assembly and Scott Weiss, Judith Hunt and Laurel Liefert as delegates to the Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly 2010. The Executive Team also shared a new retreat policy and an intention to add a policy in relation to employment of church members by the church: "As a general policy, employment with the church is not open to members of the congregation except in rare and unusual circumstances".

Reverend Kathy's Senior Minister report focused around her visit to All Soul's Church in Washington D.C. as part of her Dreaming Big work. She also shared her recent work and participation within our congregation and beyond in relation to our church ends.

We spent the bulk of our meeting doing some final refinement of our newly revised church ends. We plan to vote on their adoption at the May meeting. The current draft is published in May's Sower newsletter, and we hope church members and friends will review them and send any comments or suggestions to the board: board@uuoakland.org.

Finally, we spent time brainstorming for our board annual priorities, which will focus our board work for the year.

Throughout the meeting we practiced process monitoring to insure that we are conducting our business in a manner consistent with our vision and values around inclusiveness, focus and respect.