



Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Santa Rosa

16 June 2011

Meeting Called to Order at 6:03 p.m. by President, Andrew Hidas

Members Present: Bob Barrows, Ann Chambers, John Farison, Laura Jean Hageman (Co-Treasurer and President-Elect), Phyllis Heagney, Andrew Hidas (President), Mary Louise Jeffray (Vice President), Lois Nagle, Cathie Wiese (Secretary), Craig Work

Member Not Present: Bonnie Daines (Co-Treasurer)

Newly Elected 2011-12 Members Present: Jeanie Bates, Alan Proulx, Peter Wilson

Newly Elected 2011-12 Member Not Present: Joe Como

Non-members Present: Chris Bell (Minister, member ex-officio), Terry Graham (Recording Secretary), Julie Ristich Malm, Jamie McReynolds, Betty Miller, Art Rosenblum (2011-12 Treasurer)

Open Mic: No participants

BOT Minutes of 19 May 2011 Approved as Submitted

Financial Stewardship Council Appointments: Proposed new members were Linda Balabanian, Jan Hess and Kirsten Olney. Bob moved to accept all three to the Council, seconded by Laura Jean. **Motion** passed by show of hands without objection.

Jamie McReynolds Ordination Request: Jamie briefly delineated his life path and its relationship to UUCSR. Since graduation from Starr King School of Ministry in 2009, he has been serving as hospice chaplain. He will be acquiring a required supervised ministry experience at Thomas Jefferson Memorial UU Church in Charlottesville, VA. Jamie requested that UUCSR ordain him, conferring the title "Reverend", tentatively in October 2011. He was accompanied by his advisor, Julie Ristich Malm, who will assist him in the ordination event planning. The ordination requires an affirmative vote of the congregation. Cathie moved that UUCSR BOT support the ordination of Jamie McReynolds by taking the candidacy to the vote of the congregation, tentatively in October 2011. Bob seconded. During the discussion, Craig requested that a bio be provided by Jamie to support the candidacy. **Motion** passed by voice without objection.



Treasurer's Report: Laura Jean reiterated that both the Congregation and Glazer operation are expected to finish very close to budget, with a likelihood of some surplus. Fiscal year 2010-11 closing will be available in August.

Congregational Meeting Review: Opinions and impressions of the conduct of the meeting included (a) financial/budget support data was presented in a very understandable manner, (b) presentation made clear the importance of adopting a balanced budget which resulted from input from every member of congregational Councils, Committees and the Board in making very difficult decisions to achieve a fiscally responsible budget, (c) the 75% commitment of paying dues during the first three-quarters of the year with the intent to pay 100% by yearend was accurately conveyed, (d) the "Appreciations", recognizing individuals who had gone above and beyond, was well received, (e) the "endowment" issue discussion was allowed to unduly continue, especially since no action could be taken at the meeting, (f) a goodly number of members exited the meeting after approximately 1-hour.

Board-Council Liaison Reports:

- (a) Operations Council successfully accomplishing a variety of repairs
- (b) By-Laws Committee making good progress, a first draft to be submitted to BOT is expected by Fall 2011
- (c) Membership Council requires revitalization
- (d) Aesthetics Committee is without budget and influence

Executive Session convened from 7:35 p.m. - 8:04 p.m.

BOT Yearend Wrap-up: Observations included (a) rapidly progressing year with many of annual goals accomplished, (b) new BOT members became quickly engaged as contributors, (c) meetings stayed focused upon objectives, (d) members demonstrated patience and camaraderie to be effective, (e) the BOT established a greater transparency and closeness with the congregation, (f) future challenges include financial constraints, persisting growth management, religious community definition and the individual's relationship to the community, (g) there is a large percentage of individual participation in the congregation activities while there remain many who are searching for avenues for increased engagement.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:22p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Graham