

## MEETING MINUTES

**For Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees: April 20, 2008  
Valley Unitarian Universalist Church, 6400 W. Del Rio St. Chandler, AZ**

### *On the Path to Greatness: Enriching People, Changing Lives and Reaching Out to Others*

Charlie T, *President, 2007-08*

*	Joel S	Secretary	*	Barb T	Trustee
*	Barbara F	Trustee	*	Anne S	Trustee
*	Jim N	Trustee	*	Janet C	Trustee

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Board Members Present: Charlie T., President; Janet C., Joel S., Barbara F., Anne S., Barb T., Jim N.

Staff members present: Lone J.,

Members present: None

Others present: Carole C., UUA Consultant

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 P.M.

The first order of business was a review of the preliminary results of the Searching for the Future Weekend. Carole C. led the discussion. She noted the preliminary results of the congregation's priority-setting activities. From the congregation's votes, the top priority is paying down or paying off the mortgage. The second set of priorities include enhancing and expanding the social space around the main sanctuary, including expanding the patio area, remodeling the west side of the sanctuary, and adding kitchen facilities. The third level of priority included adding solar panels and other changes to the building for energy efficiency and sustainability, and adding additional landscaping near the sanctuary.

The Board considered the results of the congregational priorities in the context of setting goals and priorities for the planned capital campaign. Anne S. moved to make the first priority of the capital campaign to pay down the mortgage significantly, with an estimated cost of \$700,000 to \$800,000 to achieve an annual mortgage payment that the congregation can cover in its operating budget. The motion was seconded by Jim N. and approved unanimously.

Next, Jim N. moved to make the second priority of the capital campaign to remodel the sanctuary area, expand the patio area and improve the kitchen area and landscaping at an estimated expense of between \$50,000 and \$150,000. All improvements will focus on and incorporate the congregation's goal of environmental responsibility and energy efficiency in our effort to become a Green Sanctuary. The motion was seconded by Barb T. and was approved unanimously.

Next, Jim N. moved to make it a third priority of the capital campaign to install solar panels at the sanctuary for a cost of between \$50,000 and \$100,000, which motion was seconded by Anne S. and approved unanimously.

Next, Carole C. discussed the timeline for capital campaign planning with an emphasis on the work to be done before the planned feasibility study in mid-May. Carole C. asked that the preliminary case statement be finalized and mailed to members no later than April 28<sup>th</sup>, with the feasibility interview letters to follow. Jim N. discussed the plans for mailing invitations for feasibility interviews. J. Sannes and Barb T. will coordinate with Linda H. for drafting and revision of the preliminary case statement. Barb T. will contact Rita C. to organize a team of the SFTF facilitators to draft a report of the SFTF weekend for a "Vision into Action" report. Janet C. will continue to work on sign-ups for a Vision into Action Team to follow up on the results of the SFTF weekend. Anne S. discussed that the Vision into Action report will be a foundation for the Board to revise its ends statement and revise the Board's Five-Year plan.

Next, the Board discussed the results of the SFTF efforts to revise the congregational mission statement. Jim N. and Anne S. noted that the revised statement does not specifically mention social action or environmental responsibility. Joel S noted that the revised mission statement refers to V.U.U. as a Church, which has been an issue and remains an issue. Anne. S. moved to ask the drafting team to consider whether particular reference to social action and environmental responsibility should be included in the mission statement, and to consider whether it is necessary to refer to V.U.U. as a "Church". Barb T. seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. Charlie T. and Janet C. will contact the SFTF drafting team to make this request.

The Board also wants to send Thank You's to Rita C., Bev M., Debbie D., and Barbara B. (Granite Peak UU) for their great help organizing the Searching for the Future Weekend. The Board also thanked Janet C. for her work organizing the weekend.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m. The next meeting is the second Tuesday in May. However, Charlie T. reminded Board members of the joint Board and Finance Team meeting scheduled for May 6th.