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Minutes
Dinner 5:30p – 6 p, Meeting 6p
Thursday, August 11, 2016
Unity Hall, Fresno, Ca**

Call to Order

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