

Friends of Unity  
Board of Trustees Meeting

March 24, 2020

**Attendees:** Rev. Kathy Long, Vic Huber, Linda Grosscup, Phil Erzen, Nancy Langeneckert, Sandy Argas, Gail Parker. All attendees participated via a Zoom call.

**Starting time:** 7:10 PM

**Opening prayer and meditation:** Kathy

**Board Minutes:** The February minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Attendance:

- Average February attendance per week was 34, equal to our 13-month average and up significantly **from January**.

Income:

- February total income was \$5,716 versus a budget of \$6,792.
  - About the same as January
  - Slightly higher than last February
- Year-to-date income was \$11,353, versus a budget of \$13,583.
  - The biggest deficit versus the budget continues to be in the Sunday morning Love Offering.

Expenses:

February total expenses (including tithes) were \$7,194 versus a budget of \$4,953.

- We paid the 2019 4<sup>th</sup> quarter tithe of \$2,070 in February, while the budget assumed this would have been done in January.
- All other February expenses were reasonably in line with the budget.

Year-to-date expenses were \$15,199 versus a budget of \$14,668.

This \$531 spending overage is spread among expense categories of Professional Operations and Spiritual Enrichment. Nothing remarkable.

**Gain/Loss:**

- February net loss was \$1,478.
- Year-to-date net loss was \$3,846.
  - This bottom-line number is \$2,761 behind the budget "roadmap" we approved.

- Income down by \$2,230 and expenses up by \$531 versus the budget year to date

Bank balance:

- Cash in the bank at the end of February was \$34,382, a decline of \$1,484 from January.
- 13-month high was \$43,13.

Our current donate button can't be used on facebook. PayPal charges 2.2% + 35 cents/transaction for non-profits. Gail will work to get PayPal set up by Sunday. Those who watch the livestreamed service but are not a part of our church can easily donate.

The February treasurer's report was accepted.

### **Administrator's Report:**

The annual report was submitted to Unity World Wide Ministries.

Church Mutual (our ins. co.) is still available during this health crisis, if we need to make a claim.

Those who don't choose to donate online should mail checks to Phil Erzen, our treasurer, at his home. He will deposit the checks electronically.

Texting: Our servant keeper allows us to send texts to our members to let them know information they need to receive quickly, such as a canceled church service. Cost: \$19.95/month, which is paid month-to-month. We are now using this service.

### **Minister's Report:**

This crisis has been challenging. Our first live streamed service last Sunday would not have been possible without Sherry. Kathy, Gail and Sherry continue to learn what needs to be done to improve the quality of what viewers see at home. Sherry created a You Tube account. This will be used as a You Tube channel for our church.

Gail has created a private fb page, to which the 24 members who are on face book have already been invited. This will be another way to allow people to stay connected during the governor's "stay at home" executive order.

Kathy has begun to connect daily with those on facebook at 7 AM with a brief intention for setting the day; and again at 10:00 PM. She also has videos done in nature. She wants to help in any way. "Let's be a great bridge between what was and what is to be."

Phil Moore, our guest speaker on March 29<sup>th</sup>, will be live streamed in the morning, with the help of his friend, who does this professionally. Phil's afternoon "learn shop" will be by zoom call.

### **Old Business:**

Election Process Guidelines tabled from Nov. Tabled.

Congregational Values and Ideas: Kathy/ Rev. Tracy, next steps. Tabled.

Bylaws Team – John F/Phil/Kathy – will reset appointment

Calendar:

Board Training – April 25, 2020 at Unity of Royal Oak, 9 AM – 4:30 PM. (Will this need to be a Zoom call?) Prep questions from Rev. Greg Coles will arrive by email this week.

Soul Sizzlin' Sunday – August, 2020 (no date yet)

Phil checked into costs and availability for both the enclosed and the open pavilions at Plymouth Township Park. Contemplating cost and the uncertainty ahead, we decided not to reserve anything. It was also suggested we could meet at the house of a member who has a big yard. Nothing was decided, but Sandy will keep the dialog going on this with the Board via email.

### **New Business:**

Ministry morphing during coronavirus crisis

1. Heart/Core of Community priorities

a. Now:

Prayer team contact tree – all members of the prayer team have designated members to contact by phone, text, email or a hand-written note weekly, unless members say they choose not to.

Livestream services, rethink service – Kathy has decided to go to a ½ hour service on April 5<sup>th</sup>, with an interactive Zoom call afterward.

April 5<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday for Young Friends and Families will be in the afternoon via Zoom call.

Mid-week Zoom classes continues.

b. Soon:

Concert – Kathy will consider asking Sue Riley to do a livestream concert Easter PM. This would be one of the celebrations of the church's upcoming 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

2. Communications

Considering increasing snail mail to members but know cost must be considered, also

A survey may be sent to the congregation asking: What feeds you?

Julie Braun still hosts our website.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM.

Nancy Langeneckert, Secretary

