

**Friends of Unity**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**May 20, 2020**

**Attendees:** Rev. Kathy Long, Gail Parker, Linda Grosscup, Phil Ernzen, Nancy Langeneckert, Sandy Argas, Jan Whittington. All attendees participated in the meeting via Zoom.

**Starting time:** 6:10 PM

**Opening prayer:** Kathy

**Board minutes:** The April minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report for April**

Attendance:

- April Average Peak Live Views of our Live Stream Sunday Services was 28.

Income:

- April total income was \$8,019 versus a budget of \$6,792.
- This was the second highest monthly income in the past 12 months, exceeded only by the December 2019 income.
- Income from our website Donate Button was \$3,459, indicating a good balance between this income stream and mailed checks. Hopefully a Donate Button on our Facebook page will prove beneficial as well.
- Year-to-date Income was \$26,326 versus a budget of \$27,167. So far this year, income has trailed the budget by only \$841, in spite of the new way we've been operating since March.

Spending:

- April total spending was \$9,320 versus a budgeted spending of \$10,340.

We paid the first quarter tithe of \$1,080 in April.

We booked the second quarter rent payment of \$2850 in April, adjusting what was reported in March.

Banking fees in April were \$295, reflecting the greater use of the Donate Button.

- Year-to-date total spending was \$30,867 versus a budget of \$31,033, indicating good spending discipline.

#### Gain/Loss:

- April showed a net loss of \$1,301 (in spite of the large income, because of the quarterly payments of tithes and rent).
- Year-to-date showed a net loss of \$4,541 versus a budgeted loss of \$3,866. This YTD loss is only \$675 more than we expected.

#### Bank Balance:

- Cash in the bank at the end of April was \$31,269.

The April treasurer's report was approved.

Phil reported that on May 4<sup>th</sup>, FoU's application for a loan through the Small Business Administration was approved and on May 5<sup>th</sup>, \$8,100 was deposited into our account. This money will be spent so that we comply with all the rules of the Payroll Protection Program, and the entire loan will be forgivable.

#### Administrator's Report:

- Snail mail letter was sent last week
- Virtual café is well attended and going through Gail's Zoom account.
- FoU's fb charity status is still pending.
- We received \$10.25 from Kroger for the last quarter.

#### Minister's Report:

- She is focusing on the core of our ministry and understanding the needs of our congregation. She's been making a lot more phone calls the past couple of weeks.
- Increasing communication with the Wed. a.m. Zoom call, as well as continuing the Tues., Thurs. and Sat. 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. livestreamed messages. These have met increased needs. Some people are struggling.
- The service is going to continue to morph. Kathy has known for some time that the Sunday service needs to be available beyond the doors of the PCAC. We need to be in the NOW, without attachment to knowing where we're going. *It is ours to wait.*
- The 4 pillar prayer is a paddle to help us do what is ours to do now.
- Next year, she won't be working at Upland Hills School.

#### Old Business:

- Variety show scheduled for May 24<sup>th</sup> postponed due to lack of participants.
- Volunteer Appreciation Sunday scheduled for June 7<sup>th</sup> postponed.
- Soul Sizzlin' Sunday scheduled for August postponed.

### **New Business:**

- Ministry morphing, priorities

**Now:** We can reduce problems. iPads don't work going into the BeLive studio. Phones don't work, either. PC's work. Livestreaming has been stressful. Next Sunday's service will be pre-recorded on Saturday. BeLive Pro is available for \$30/month. The service will be available on our fb page and on our website.

180 – 190 people have liked our fb page.

Sherry has done a lot of research. She continues to search and learn the options we have that will best serve the church membership at a reasonable price.

**Future:** Re-entry? It's an ongoing question. We're waiting for the governor's orders and to find out how the PCAC feels. Kathy will call Lisa.

- **Communications**

The work of communication in the ministry has increased; doubled or tripled since the stay-at-home order. Kathy showed us the Communications Doors diagram Gail designed. It shows all the doors of communication that are now being used at FoU: our website, fb, Zoom, email, snail mail, phone, text; the frequency with which each is used and who does it.

- **Donation door**

It would be easy for people to be able to use their phones to text the church a donation. Gail will check to see how this will work.

- **Rental agreement**

Kathy will call Lisa to discuss future adjustments in our rent, since we are not able to be in the PCAC for an unknown period of time.

- **Kathy's invitation for nomination to GLUR Board**

Kathy told us about this invitation for nomination and asked for our input. She said she's been praying about it and added that she feels drawn to work with other

leaders. There was general agreement with Phil's statement that her well-being came first, that she would be able to balance self-care, her responsibilities to FoU and those to the GLUR Board. She, also, agreed and reminded us that nomination doesn't necessarily mean election to this Board.

Phil closed the meeting with prayer.

Meeting ended at 8:04 PM