

Friends of Unity
Board of Trustees Meeting

November 17, 2020

Attendees: Kathy Long, Gail Parker, Vic Huber, John Fanta, Phil Ernzen, Nancy Langeneckert, Sandy Argas, Tom LaGoe, Sherry Wells. All participants attended via Zoom.

Starting time: 7:08 PM

Opening prayer: Kathy

Board minutes: The October minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report for October

Attendance:

- October Sunday service attendance averaged 66, up 5 from the number in September. It included an average of 30 in-person and 36 "engagements" on fb.

Income:

- Total October income of \$9,777 was the largest one-month income Phil has on record.
 - The Love Offering response to our 10th anniversary was dramatic.
 - \$4,752 from cash and checks, \$3,595 from on-line giving and \$1,430 designated for special Spiritual Enrichment offerings like Jim Rosemergy's presentation
- Year-to-date income was \$64,702, which was \$3,215 below YTD budget, a significant recovery from the September level.
- Due to virtual-only Sunday service, all checks will now be mailed to Phil's home address.

Spending:

- October spending was \$7,246, which included the third quarter tithe payments totaling \$1,600.
- YTD spending was \$68,272.

Gain/Loss:

- October showed a net gain of \$2,531.
- YTD we had a net loss of \$3,570.

Bank Balance:

- Cash in the bank as of the end of October was \$34,658, up \$2,524 from September.

The October treasurer's report was approved.

Status of Loaves and Fishes application

- Jan submitted the application for the grant, but it's not known when we'll hear whether it's been approved. Jan will check for an update.

Update on revised rent discussions with PCAC

- Temporary virtual-only services begin November 22nd because of the increasing scale of the pandemic.
- An agreement was reached with the PCAC that our rent for December would be \$500.
- Kathy and Lisa will talk again in January.

Administrator's Report

- Sent two Mail Chimp emails last month, which announced events/classes and stay-safe guidelines
- Sent text about temporary suspension of in-person service
- Gail suggested we have a paid staff person to execute the online service and build the community via groups online.
 - She would decrease her Church Admin fee to the tech person.
 - We may need a consultant to plan the most effective strategy to execute.
 - No discussion at this time.

Minister's Report

- Primary energy focus since last Board meeting:
 - Working with Heather, Gail, Sherry and Phil re: tech. options and support

- Tenth anniversary celebrations in October
- Annual meeting
- New Board members, Board orientation, planning and early visioning conversations
- Pastoral – pastoral calls and home visits
- Kathy referred to “warm data”, the term coined by Nora Bateson: the energy from close relationships.
 - Let’s keep our attention on relationships; connectivity.
- Leadership Meeting Report from October 31st
 - Good ideas had to be sidelined two weeks later because of going virtual only.
- What’s energizing for her right now: putting together the gift bags that will go to those who haven’t been to church in person for so long.
- Virtual Sunday services
 - Zoom Live experience with only the Sunday service team
 - Start time: 9:55 AM with Tyler on the piano
 - We can continue the interaction with those on fb
 - Tyler is working on how music will work.
- Virtual café at 11:30 on a different Zoom call
- Discussion followed.
 - What do we do about connections? What can we do for those who show up on fb?
 - Sherry talked about having a long-term vision for how to invite others into our deep, spiritual community.
 - She has researched digital connection cards – a way of creating a pathway for people to become a part of our community.
- Discussion about equipment and platform are connected to our overall vision of online ministry. This requires further discussion.

Old Business

- Evolving community connectivity through technology
 - Vision: Kathy proposed we do more research to see what other churches are doing to create a growing spiritual community.

Vic closed the meeting with prayer.

Meeting ended at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Langeneckert, Secretary