

Friends of Unity
Board of Trustees Meeting
April 20, 2021

Attendees: Kathy Long, Gail Parker, Vic Huber, John Fanta, Phil Ernzen, Nancy Langeneckert, Sandy Argas, Jan Whittington. All participants attended via Zoom.

Starting time: 7:03 PM

Opening prayer: Kathy

Board minutes: The March minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report: The March report was given by Phil Ernzen, followed by a discussion of recent and present financial circumstances.

Finance Committee report:

- 2020 ended slightly in the black, thanks in part to the \$2000 grant from Unity Worldwide Ministries (UWM). The bank balance has dropped \$5800 in the first quarter of 2021. We agreed to be transparent with the congregation in the next letter to the congregation.
- We discussed FoU's purpose to transform lives.
- We also discussed how to show appreciation for donations to FoU.
- Discussed using the donate button to give "in memory of" someone. Gail will check to see if it's possible to designate the name of the person.
- Phil presented the 2nd quarter budget, which was unanimously approved.

Administrator's report

- A meeting with SK Giving informed Gail that we cannot pay a lesser fee when using the donate button. She'll check to see if there is a way people can choose to roll the 3.09%/donation fee into their donation.

Minister's report

- Monthly report submitted
- Pacing our return to the PCAC is important (as opposed to going back to what the service looked like before the pandemic.) Planned return on Mother's Day, May 9th.

- In order to avoid over-extending Flossie and Phil, Kathy and Tyler discussed paying guest soloists twice/month. His contacts may include those who would be willing to donate their talent. They plan to reduce how much music we do during the service.
- Kathy discussed ideas for what will continue to be available for those who watch the service online, as well as the in-person service. She's interested in trying new things, which we supported.

Old Business

- We agreed to split our 1st quarter tithe three ways: \$620 each to Unity Worldwide Ministries, Song and Spirit and Northville Civic Concern.
- Going forward, we'll donate our tithe monthly.
- Kathy proposed we donate 1% of our tithe to an organization outside Unity, one that supports our values re: helping people. After a brief discussion, we decided to wait until next month to begin this practice from the April income.
- Kathy discussed our next visioning steps with Rev. Tracy Laveque. For safety reasons, Rev Tracy has decided to have the 2nd session on May 23rd via Zoom. This meeting will involve multiple simultaneous discussions.

New Business

- We unanimously agreed to reaffirm all conditions outlined in the document "The Agreement", which exists between Kathy and the Board.
- Annual check-in with minister and Board members
 - Kathy previously sent us a short list of what is working well and what could work better, from her perspective. She reviewed the items.

The remaining items on the agenda were tabled.

John closed the meeting with prayer.

Meeting ended at 9:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Langeneckert, Secretary

