

**Friends of Unity**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**July 20, 2021**

**Attendees:** Kathy Long, Gail Parker, Vic Huber, John Fanta, Phil Erzen, Nancy Langeneckert, Tom LaGoe, Sherry Wells, Jan Whittington. All participants attended via Zoom.

**Starting time:** 7:00 PM

**Opening prayer:** Kathy

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

**Treasurer's report and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter financial forecast:** The June report was given by Treasurer Phil Erzen.

- Discussed some of the details in the forecast
- Considerable time was spent discussing what to share in the financial report on Communication Sunday. John agreed to do this and will include what our cash reserves are.

**Administrator's report:**

- We now have individual giver reports for donations made on Facebook.
- "In memory of" donation button had three donations in memory of Terry, Bob Finnigan and Larry Janes. Kathy sends personalized thank you notes.
- Gail reached out to Julie Braun for guidance on the "Unavailable" sign for videos posted on our website. She quickly responded and the suggested solution was sent to Jack. Waiting to see if this solution works.
- A little decrease in Fb engagements during the Sunday service, following a recent spike.

**Minister's report:**

- Kathy gave an overview of the program calendar with a goal to plan at least 3 months ahead

- Touched on why the Values Discernment Process is important: Clear value statements convey clearly who we are – what we value to anyone new.
- Kathy will forward info Jim Blake shared at the UWM Convention in June.
- She has decided on a one-week sabbatical in August.

**Monthly tithes:** We agreed to send \$692 (10%) to UWM and the additional 1% “seed money” - \$69 – to Samaritas Family Center (county homeless shelter) in Westland.

**Old Business:** The next session of the Values Discernment Team will be July 27<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business:**

- Sherry gave a short self-created Power Point presentation called PATHS – Providing Accessible Technology for Heart-Centered Spirituality, which laid out a vision for how technology could enhance FOU’s outreach.
- Sherry also attended Pride Outside, which was a first-time event held recently in Canton. There were vendors, music, food trucks and speakers.
  - FOU was the only spiritual community represented. She talked about PFLAG National Pride Partners, suggesting FOU is in a position to form a relationship with the local Plymouth/Canton chapter, which meets at a church not far from the PCAC.
- Kathy discussed suggestions for implementing the Faith in Action program. We voted to have her begin planning to introduce this in the fall.

**Closing prayer:** Kathy

Meeting ended at 9:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Langeneckert, Secretary

