

**Friends of Unity**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**

**June 15, 2021**

**Attendees:** Kathy Long, Gail Parker, Vic Huber, John Fanta, Phil Ernzen, Nancy Langeneckert, Tom Lagoe. All participants attended via Zoom.

**Starting time:** 7:00 PM

**Opening prayer:** Kathy

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

**Treasurer's report:** The May report was given by Treasurer Phil Ernzen.

- May income was the best so far this year.
- We discussed what to report on our web site. After discussion, we decided to post monthly a financial overview to date, including income, the three categories of expenses – payroll, operations, and tithes and seed money given from monthly church income; and the net loss or gain.

**Administrator's report:**

- \$14.75 received from Kroger and \$13.24 received from Amazon. Checks are received quarterly.
- Working on eliminating problems with getting video for the online service at 10:00 AM Sundays.
- After a brief discussion, we decided to have Gail delete the link to the audio recordings from the website. She'll no longer make audio only.

**Minister's report:**

- Kathy will leave Saturday for a 3-week vacation and will create a sabbatical later in the summer.
- Meeting weekly with Gail and Sherry for planning and coordination.
- Shared from her attendance at the virtual UWM convention: We need to understand how to relate through our ministry to younger generations.
- Her vision for the next seven years: See us positioning this ministry to serve more people using new methods of connection.

### **Old Business:**

- “Stretch” 1%: We decided to give \$72 to Plymouth House in recognition of their devotion to one of our members who recently made her transition there.
- Our May tithe of \$719 will go to Great Lakes Unity Regional Conference.
- We adopted the document John created last month, renaming it “Principles to Guide Our Giving.” It will be posted on our web site.
- Values Discernment Process: Successful Zoom session on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Rev. Tracy is working with the Values Discernment Team. Work is in progress. Next stage: form some statements.

### **New Business:**

- Status of Music – Kathy and Phil are creating plans and acting on next steps to contact substitutes. We are in the process of attracting new musicians resulting in a new music director beginning in September.
- Our #1 priority: Transformed adults are the future of our church.
- Group mind re: pandemic guidelines. Vic will check current CDC guidelines, which may differ from Michigan’s decision to lift all mask requirements as of July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- We briefly discussed creating the reconnections with one another now that we’re able to meet in person, through planned activities outside Sunday mornings. Picnic – Kathy suggested we meet at the neighborhood park near the PCAC for a potluck on July 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Communication Sunday (4<sup>th</sup>): Phil will give updates on yearly finances to date, as well as plans and progress on attracting new musicians.

We closed with the “Prayer for Protection.”

Meeting ended at 9:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Langeneckert, Secretary