

Friends of Unity
Annual Meeting, October 24, 2021

Call to order: 11:30 AM Vic Huber declared a quorum of active members.

Opening prayer: Flossie

Minutes of Oct. 18, 2020 Annual Meeting – N/A. Gail directed those who were interested to FoU's website where they are listed under Leadership.

President's Progress Report: Sandy and Vic presented FOU highlights of the past year during this pandemic: spiritual growth, support for one another and others, shared good times. Sandy presented Kathy and Gail with flowers and gas cards from the Board and expressed our heartfelt appreciation on this, Staff Appreciation Sunday.

Minister's Report: We are constantly called to come together in spiritual community. Our cause has been to awaken to the Divine. We invest in individuals (not a building), beginning with our own families. Our upcoming 12th year is significant. What is it we'll do together this year? Kathy read a short piece by Ernest Holmes.

Treasurer's Report:

- Phil went over a slide of FoU's Financial Review to date for this year, stating we're in reasonably good shape, considering.
- Income is about \$4,000 behind what we budgeted for, so far, but ahead of last year.
- He reminded those present we saved \$2000 in rent when we didn't meet in person January – April, as well as Tyler's salary since he retired in June, after expenses for guest musicians.
- He also referred to the \$2000 Loaves & Fishes Grant we received from UWM in Dec., 2020, as well as August, 2021, and said we anticipated applying for the loan again next year.

Bylaws amendment: John showed a slide of the amendment, explaining the Board proposes two changes: 1) a periodic review of financial records, rather

than annual review, which would allow the Board to call for a review every two years instead and 2) forming an ad hoc team of members to do this financial review, rather than pay the accounting firm, which is what our accountant had suggested. This would save a considerable amount of money for an organization the size of ours. John opened for and answered questions. He moved these changes be made; Sherry seconded. Motion carried.

Nominating team for 2022: No election of Board members this year, because no one's term was up and no one resigned. It was announced that Julie and Anya, who had volunteered for the Nominating Team this year had agreed ahead of time to serve on the team next year.

Closing: Kathy asked for others who may want to express appreciation for another before moving on. Nancy expressed appreciation for Phil, Sherry for Kathy, Kathy for Jan and Rev. Tracy and for our Values Discernment process and all involved.

Vic called for a motion to adjourn. John so moved; Phil seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Langeneckert, Secretary