

Friends of Unity
Board of Trustees Meeting

April 19, 2022

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

Starting time: 7:04 PM

Opening prayer: Nancy

Board minutes: The March minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report: The March report was given by Treasurer Phil Erzen.

- Updated the list of authorized signers on bank accounts. Phil, John, Vic and Sandy will meet at the bank soon.
- Monthly intentional giving: We'll divide our tithe - \$957 - as follows, with gratitude for spiritual support:
 - \$157 to ISKON Temple
 - \$400 to Arletha Garcia-Guzman
 - \$400 to Sherry Wells
- The additional 1% "seed money" - \$96 - will go to Northville Civic Concern.

Administrator's report

- March financial reports prepared and sent to Phil, Treasurer.
- Sent a MailChimp email - with a video (first time) - from Kathy on April 6th to promote Easter events. Gail included a chart in her written report with the following data, also including the same data from the three previous MailChimp emails sent this year: the number sent, the percent opened and the click rate on other tabs on the website.
- Gail finished updating entries for the Church Directory and sent to Nancy Clarkson to complete the process and send to the publisher.
- Reported that our website has new content on a frequent basis.
- Donation door: Gail and Phil are exploring Vanco as an alternative to SK Giving. There is a potential to reduce the processing fee.

- Gail and Kathy have been exploring ways to appreciate the contributions received. They will distribute an appreciation letter this month.

Minister's report:

- Online PATHS: Our winter course with Arletha Garcia-Guzman was successful.
- Application for the Ida Bowles Technology Grant to be submitted this week.
 - Discussed FoU vision for online ministry, created by Kathy and Sherry, which was required for the application. This was sent to the Board prior to the meeting. A copy of the entire application will be sent to the Board for review.
- Change to Board Calendar: Visioning What's Working Well session with the community moved to May 15th.
- As a member of the EarthCare Team, Kathy will present at the GLUR conference Sept. 26 – 29, in addition to the UWM conference in MO June 20 – 24.
- Kathy and Gail are now coordinating monthly appreciation letters to be sent to every new donor.
- Potluck after Easter service happily received thanks to Sandy and Janice.
- Kathy interviewed Eric Fagen who will share music on 4/24. Potential for regular participation.
- Youth & Family – Still planning a team to assist with monthly ideas and materials for packets. Planning graduation blessing for Aenea on June 5th.
- Starting 4/18: FoU to feature Unity Minneapolis & GLUR pick of the month: *Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul*. Study group series with five time slot options. Love offering: 25% stays with FoU.
- God Friday service in person and live streamed.
- Working with Janice to identify key offerings for our folks with health and grief challenges.

Old Business:

- We'll continue to report to the community when notified of a positive case of someone who was at church. Discussed wording of this communication.

Tabled remaining items from the agenda

Closing prayer: Kathy

Meeting ended at 8:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Langeneckert, Secretary