

Friends of Unity
Board of Trustees Meeting
September 20, 2022

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

Opening prayer: John Fanta

Board development: Starting time: 7:00 PM

Starting time of Business Meeting: 7:35 PM

Board minutes: The corrected August 30th minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's report: The June report was emailed and reviewed by the Board prior to this meeting.

- Total August income was \$6,644. Total August spending was \$6,941, so August showed a net loss of \$297. YTD showed a net gain of \$3,396, which includes the grant.

Administrator's report: The administrator's report was received, reviewed and accepted by the Board.

- We need to discuss a new lease with Lisa, who has leased the Artco House next door to a music studio. Kathy would like this done by a Board member. No one volunteered. Money counting can occur in the art room only one Sunday/month. New locations are being explored.
- Discussed the updated survey.

Minister's report:

- Expressed gratitude for Sandy organizing the picnic, as well as Matthew, who sang and played the guitar; for Anya, who planned for activities for the children and to all who set up and cleaned up.
- Board has agreed that we're on board for creating a focus on our ministry to families (parents) ages 25 – 45 that are local, for in-person experiences.
- Outreach that inspires. Working with Gail, Sherry, a new/revived Communication Team and possibly Jack Thomas. Begin now with designing an inspiration campaign locally. Revise once market research is procured. Waiting for a cost proposal from Jack Thomas.
- Website updates planned for October.
- Survey indicates Those online tend to prefer both live and access later in the week. Users utilize fb and our website. John B. has discovered a tech option he and Sherry are investigating; waiting for input.
- Aidan has decided he will not be going to the YOU retreat in October.

- Folks from Unity Bay City and FoU enjoyed the first prayer class on Sept. 12.
- Joe Barden is our new Music Coordinator, effective October 1. Board input received by Kathy prior to the September meeting.

Intentional giving: A 10% tithe (\$664) will be sent to the Great Lakes Unity Region Conference with love and appreciation for their support for ministers and boards of trustees. The 1% seed money (\$66) will go to Haven in Pontiac, a shelter for women and children leaving domestic violence.

Old Business:

- Annual meeting October 26th– Two nominees to the Board: Nancy (re-election) and Michelle. John shared an outline of the agenda; approved. He asked us to send input he can add. We settled on food, which Sandy will purchase and prepare.
- Volunteer Appreciation Sunday October 23rd. We'll recognize volunteers as we did last year. Nancy will purchase a sheet cake.

New Business:

- Kathy, Sherry and Julie attended a PFLAG event last Sunday afternoon in Plymouth. Kathy sees FoU creating a welcoming relationship with this organization, which could be enhanced by technology., Board agreed we felt comfortable with her affirming statement.
- Intentional Living Series – Kathy outlined highlights of the series, which will go from October 2 through November 20th.

Tabled remaining items on the agenda.

Closing prayer: Nancy

Meeting ended at 9:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Langeneckert, Secretary