

Board Meeting Minutes

January 24, 2023

Our guiding values for creating deep spiritual community and belonging, we:

- Encourage awakening to the Divine within ourselves, others, and all life
- Foster individual spiritual growth and collective spiritual evolution
- Honor each person as an irreplaceable and unique expression of the Divine
- Care for others at every stage of life with love, authenticity, and joy

Friends of Unity Focus of Community Intention:

- We intend to attract and integrate families through the inspiration of love, community, and service, fostering individual spiritual growth and collective spiritual evolution.

In attendance: Kathy, Phil, Gail, John, Sandy, Nancy, Michelle

Opening prayer: Sandy

Business meeting

- Call to order, 7:00 p.m. – John
- Minutes of prior meeting: defer final minutes to next meeting in February

Minister's Report – Kathy

- Vision – 8 Fold Vision Prospering Plan for spiritual growth
- Prayer practice - Prayer for all letter (email and postal mail). Be in prayer with members of congregation. Start in March.
- Sunday, February 26th- Kathy and Jane will present "Learning to Listen/Ask". May have treats/meal/potluck that day
- Kathy is booking guests and speakers
- Use/accounting of IDA Bowles grant funds
 - Possibly put aside \$1,500 for equipment and \$3,500 for marketing/promo/staff
 - Board collectively discerns and authorizes how much to spend per category
 - Equipment -discussed benefit of purchasing new camera. Desire camera with multiple capabilities (record Sunday services, portable, improves livestream at Sunday services)
 - Continue discussion of fund distribution at next board meeting

John brought up to the board members that the board and annual meetings are in October 2023. Discussed holding the board meeting on October 15th and the annual meeting on October 22nd.

Priority Items:

- Pay-It-Forward annual funding opportunity. See document Kathy created. This is an idea we can explore. Board needs to continue discussing and how to track spending.

- Board Goals - Forming intentions for 2023.
 - “Passing the baton”/Board turnover – John asked the board to review videos from Unity training modules on how to serve on a church board. Regarding recruitment- two spots will be open. Board needs to assess qualifications of candidates who are open to becoming a member. Provide guidance and resources to nominating team members. What is our approach to membership? Discuss at next board meeting
 - Cadence of communications to community - oral report to congregation on a per quarter basis? Send communication via Mail Chimp. February -report 2023 budget/expenses to FOU congregation.

Produce a high level report in February. Review in March

New Business

- What’s working well? What could work better process for 2023? Create and distribute a “How we are functioning” survey to FOU community. John creating survey in MS Word. All responses will be confidential. Survey results presented at February meeting.

Intentional Giving: 10% and 1% Seed Money Recipients

- 10% tithe total is \$931. FOU will tithe \$465 to Unity HQ and \$465 to Unity Worldwide Ministries
- 1% Seed Money- \$320 will be sent to Plymouth Miracle League

Financial

Treasurer’s report – No presentation or discussion

Financial review - in progress per John

Rental Agreement - Nancy will provide update next board meeting

Administrator’s Report – No presentation

Board to meet via Zoom January 30 at 7:00 p.m. to review “Generous Living series”

Closing prayer: John

Meeting adjourned: 9:05 p.m.

Lovingly submitted,

Michelle

