

# Friends of Unity

## Agenda and Meeting Minutes

Board of Trustees Meeting, Friends of Unity

August 29, 2023

Attendees: Sandy Argas, Phil Erzen, John Fanta, Kathy Harwood Long, Michele Hayes, and Nancy Langeneckert

Time: 7:00 p.m. Location: Via Zoom

Vision for our 13th year: Energized by spiritual vision, we support family health through partnering, inclusivity, and mutual learning.

Focused Ministry Board Intention: We intend to attract and integrate families through the inspiration of **love, community, and service**, fostering individual spiritual growth and collective spiritual evolution

Opening Prayer: Sandy

TBD Business Meeting

1. Call to Order - John (7:02 p.m.)
2. Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes - Not Approved (Unavailable)
3. Minister's Report – Kathy reported:
  - a. Annual Calendar/Events Updates - Not Discussed.
  - b. Recap of 8/5 Being of One Accord Event shared.
  - c. Reflection on 8/27 Vision and Intention session. Positive feedback was received. Appreciation for Norma Simons. More congregants are involved.
    - i. Kathy will continue to emphasize consciousness-expanding experiences in the coming months.
    - ii. An ongoing exploration of expanding prosperity consciousness and planning is required prior to moving forward with action like the Prosperity Wallet.
    - iii. Flows into a Life of Prayer and Fall Intentional Living series.
4. Priority Items:
  - a. Autumn Quarterly Board Communication to the congregation is on September 10<sup>th</sup>. include financial report snapshot/bar graph IBG grant usage status, budget status, breakeven amount, Annual Meeting notification, and open board positions. Focus on what is needed to meet the budget in the next five months. Presenter TBD.
  - b. Board Issues:
    - i. Board Goals/forming intentions for 2023
      1. Building Board community: The next meeting is scheduled for 9/18.

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2. Volunteer Appreciation with a slideshow presentation, "Radical Appreciation Sunday." Sandy is responsible for appreciation ideas, slideshow, and providing lunch. (Multi-generational idea is paused.) The decision was to have it on October 8<sup>th</sup>.
- ii. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for October 22. Preparation has begun. Attendees are encouraged to bring salads. The membership renewal process is in process. Order of meeting reports and voting on candidates.
- i. Prosperity consciousness - Reviewed strategies to boost prosperity consciousness within the community and income generation.
  1. Fee if there is a rental; other events are offered on a loving offering basis. Can boost Google ads.
  2. Arabella's resignation as the Marketing Assistant is effective 8/31 (due to personal reasons). A search for a replacement is underway. Has the vision of engaging others and having them show up.
  3. A new platform assistant, Teemaree licensed Center for Spiritual Living Practitioner, is applying with Urban Ministerial School in the Fall.

## New Business:

1. Intentional Giving: Kathy suggested gifting Jim Rosemergy's book "Sacred Human" to all members of FOU as the July discretionary tithe. Details are being explored; the decision was postponed. The standard tithes from July income were approved for UWH, UWM, and GLUR (\$200 each).
2. Financial:
  - a. Treasurer's report - Phil (Report submitted earlier, no further discussion.)
3. Administrator's Report - Gail (Report submitted earlier, no further discussion.)

Closing Prayer: Phil

Submitted: Kathy Harwood Long/gp