

# Friends of Unity

## Agenda and Meeting Minutes

Board of Trustees Meeting, Friends of Unity

September 18, 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: John

1. Call to Order - John
2. Minutes of prior meetings: August minutes reviewed and approved.
3. Minister's Report – Kathy
  - a. Annual calendar/events updates:
    - i. Increased energy from Board Seasonal Communication and Priority Visioning Intention and How. Well attended. Groups will be planning and executing their ideas. Community working on Intention Statement leading up to Annual Meeting, including the idea of practicing collective flourishing.
    - ii. Sherry filling in the gap from the Marketing Assistant resignation.
    - iii. Children's programming on Sundays will be in the lobby.
    - iv. Fall Intentional Living based on Jim Rosemergy's book "Sacred Human."
    - v. FoU is partnering with Unity of Livonia for Daniel Nahmod matinee concert on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.
    - vi. Nancy asked about plans for IBG to pay for computers. QuickBooks Online will be necessary at some point. No action.
4. Priority Items.
  - a. Mission and Intention Statements: Received five statements. Process: have the community identify the mission (why we exist) from the five statements. The Board agreed with this process. Visioning groups are working on the Vision/future state of FoU.
  - b. Annual Meeting Preparation. The Annual Meeting notice went out. Two nominations. Will post candidates online on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Discussion about having a six-person Board. The Board authorized the Nominating Team to seek an additional candidate. Include a financial report at the Annual Meeting. Kathy

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proposed allowing New Members (8 potentials) to vote at the upcoming Annual Meeting. Members can have dual church membership. The New Member Orientation is on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

- c. Volunteer Appreciation: Slide show, song, food/wraps, cake, and gift/book/bookmark. The Board is serving the volunteers. An invitation was extended this past Sunday,
  - d. Review ideas for increasing prosperity consciousness within the community and income/how we work with financial energy. Work-life group's mentoring idea of practical support. Encourage the new Board to explore planned giving. Bless the checks we send out every Sunday.
5. New Business: None at this time
  6. Intentional Giving: Discretionary tithe: Discussion about Rosemergy Books for FILS and Sunday evening classes (\$411.50) where to post the expense. Decision: tithe out. The Board will write a note of appreciation to the community for spiritual support. August tithe to UWM, Unity Headquarters, and GLUR at \$200 each.
  7. Financial.
    - a. Treasurer's report submitted by Phil. Discussion: appreciation of Phil's analysis/narrative report in the face of uncertainty about the approach of the new Treasurer. August income has risen with the WOW Retreat registrations. Accepted the Treasurer's Report.
    - b. Growth Incentive Compensation for Kathy.
  8. Administrator's Report submitted by Gail. Accepted.
  9. Closing prayer: Kathy

Adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Parker, Church Administrator