

Friends of Unity Board of Trustees Meeting

Meeting Minutes November 12, 2023

Attendees: John Boulahanis, John Fanta, Kathy Harwood Long, Michele Hayes, Nancy Langeneckert, and Norma Simons Guest: Gail Parker

Opening prayer: John F.

Meeting opened at 1:45 p.m. Location: Langeneckert Home

Board Orientation and Development—John F. and Kathy

Review of the “Role of the Board” distributed/shared by John Fanta.

Business Meeting

1. Called to Order by John Fanta at 2:09 p.m.
2. Priority Items:
 - a. Election of Officers: President- Nancy L., Vice President-Norma S., Treasurer-John F, Secretary-John B, Keeper of the Flame-Michele Hayes
 - b. Update bank account signers: The process for updating check signers was decided. John F. and Nancy L. will go to 5/3 Bank to begin the process. The new signers are Nancy, Michele, and John.
 - c. Future meetings: Next meeting will be Tuesday, December 19, at 4:00 p.m. in Zoom. The Board will plan 2024 Board Meeting dates at the December meeting.
 - d. Ideas, Education, and Actions for Ministry Funding:
 - a. End of the year giving: Kathy and Gail attended “Come Grow with Us” with UWM Diane Kennedy and Denis Greene, who shared ideas for nurturing a culture of giving/prosperity and a growth team.
 - b. Form a Prosperity and Growth Team: Kathy proposed building a team. Kathy will invite and form a team.
 - e. Minister’s Report- Kathy reported on:
 - a. Annual Calendar/upcoming events: See the calendar distributed.
 - b. Synthesis of our work ahead: Kathy shared:
 - i. Discern Vision for the ministry.
 - ii. Address Space needs; specifically address youth and family needs.
 - iii. Answer our in-person ministry (with a live stream that keeps some connected) focus question:. Who are we trying to reach?
 - iv. Expand ministry/minister reach: create a Team to work with the minister?
 - v. Address UWM Branding recommended; how is Friends of Unity-Unity of Plymouth to be found as a Unity ministry online?
 - f. New Business:
 - a. PCAC/New Agreement/Space for Youth: exploring options
 - b. Budget and Finance Team
 - i. Composition: Jan Whittington, Kathy, and John F,
 - ii. Will begin work on healthy Budget for 2024
 - c. Intentional Giving: Tithe to Unity, UWM & GLUR; discretionary tithe to God Storehouse (\$245 each)

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- d. Financial Report: John F, as Treasurer, plans to share key numbers (income and attendance) with quarterly analysis. Ida Bowles Grant ends near yearend; Kathy will bring ideas to fund the work of the grant to the Budget and Finance Team. The Daniel Nahmod Concert was financially a net gain. The Board appreciated and accepted the financial report.
- e. Admin Report submitted by Gail.
- f. Review and Approve Minutes. Minutes to be emailed by Gail.

Closing Prayer: Kathy

The meeting closed at 3:21 p.m.