

# Friends of Unity

Annual Meeting Minutes

Sunday, October 13, 2024

**Call to Order:** 11:40 a.m. by Board President, Nancy Langeneckert.

**Attendees/Members (27):** Sandy Argas, John Boulahanis, Anne Marie Brady, Marie-Louise Capote, Linda Caudill, Leslie Caulfield, Mickey Eldridge, Phil Ernzen, Flossie Ernzen, John Fanta, Jane Fanta, Gail Frazzini, Susan Hahn, Michelle Hayes, Vic Huber, Diane Janes, Tom Lagoe, Bob Langeneckert, Nancy Langeneckert, Georgia Monroe, Gail Parker, Norma Simons, Sherry Wells, Guy Whittington, Jan Whittington, Ashley Willette, and Debbie Willette

**Attendee/Staff:** Joe Barden

Michelle Hayes, Board Member/Keeper of the Flame, read the letter from Rev. Kathy Harwood Long in Celebration of FoU 14<sup>th</sup> Year and reaffirming that Divine love is guiding our every step.

**Opening Prayer:** Rev Linda Dominik

**Minutes from the Annual Meeting, October 22, 2023** (on friendsofunity.org) The minutes were approved.

**Nominating Committee:** Nancy Langeneckert introduced the nominee for Board Member, Valerie McCloskey. John Fanta made a motion to approve the nominee by voice vote; John Boulahanis seconded. The Valerie McCloskey was approved by voice vote.

Nancy thanked this year's Nominating and explained the need for community volunteers for next year. She shared that there is a process — Nominating Committee Guidelines — to follow which Phil Ernzen had developed. Deb Willett and Mickey Eldridge volunteered.

**Finance Report:** John Fanta, Treasurer presented the financial report. With the retirement of the minister, there was a revision of the budget. Expected spending was met, however, there was a decrease in income which has resulted in \$2092 deficit which can be met by yearend with an extra \$300/month in total contributions. Thanked all for contributions to collective flourishing. No questions.

**Board Report:** Nancy Langeneckert shared the next step for the Board is to clarify the requirements of the Minister of Record as a step in seeking a new minister. Rev. Linda Dominik, our Mentor Minister, placed a call to Unity Worldwide Ministries (UWM) to clarify

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the documents received by Rev. Kathy Harwood Long regarding the steps in preparation for identifying a new minister. No information received from UWM.

**Minister's Report:** Rev. Linda Dominik shared that the Board's adherence to Unity's driving principles was more than she expected to see...she is grateful for the Unity Principled Board. She encouraged the community to attend the Volunteer Appreciation next Sunday. She commended the volunteering out of love by all in the community. She shared 'This experience is transforming my life. I love you.'

Nancy Langeneckert reflected on the words Michelle, the Keeper of the Flame, heard at the Borad Meeting when Rev. Kathy announced her retirement: Divine Love is guiding our every step. Divine Love is transforming us at depth. Divine Love is our answer.

Nancy shared that there is an opportunity to participate in the Mental Health Fair in April 2025. Deb Willette immediately offered to set up at the Mental Health Fair.

Nancy thanked the Minister Emeritus Flossie Erzen and Phil Erzen for starting the community 14<sup>th</sup> years ago; they stepped out in faith. She had all those who were charter members of the church raise their hands. She recognized the first Board Members — Guy Whittington, John Fanta, and Susan Hahn.

**Open Mic:** Susan Hahn asked who was leaving the Board. Nancy clarified that no one was leaving the Board. The Board decided to add a sixth member.

Nancy Langeneckert expressed her gratitude to the original folks who had the vision to build a community and not about a building — members were God's hands and feet.

**Closing prayer:** Rev. Flossie Erzen closed in prayer with sharing Teresa of Avila's prayer.

Meeting adjourned about 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Parker

Church Administrator