

Friends of Unity
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 28, 2024, in Zoom

Attendees:

Minister	Rev. Linda Dominik	X	Secretary	Valerie McCloskey	X
President	Nancy Langeneckert	X	Keeper of the Flame	Michelle Hayes	X
Vice President	Norma Simons	X	Member at Large	John Boulahanis	
Treasurer	John Fanta		Guest	Gail Parker	X

Call to Order by Nancy Langeneckert at 5:02 p.m.

Opening prayer: Rev. Linda Dominik

Welcome new Board Member, Valerie Mc Closkey

Board Training/Orientation: Role of the Board (reviewed pages 1-2) Roles will remain with the exception of Secretary. Valerie will be Secretary. John Boulahanis will be Member at Large.

New Member application received from Valerie McCloskey. The Board moved to accept the new member and seconded. Unanimously approved. Reaffirmations of membership were recognized.

1. Treasurer's Report

- a. Report submitted 10/7/24
- b. Intentional Giving - \$170. Reviewed list of previous recipients John F sent on 9/30 to get ideas. Move to send the Intentional Giving to Detroit Rescue Mission, Detroit. Moved to donate to Detroit Rescue Mission and seconded. Unanimously approved.

2. Minister's Report

- a. Rev. Linda and Board President have received the appropriate packet from Diane Johnson, GLURC representative to UWM. Because Rev. Linda is hired and working in accord, Rev. Linda does not need to become a Minister of Record.
- b. Rev. Linda shared praise to President and Treasurer for focused and successful communication at the Annual Meeting and for the loving spirit of the congregation.

3. Administrator's Report

- a. Report submitted 10/26/24
- b. Continue bookkeeper search using principle. Keeper of the Flame to hold the space for the right and perfect bookkeeper.

4. Old Business

- a. The Minutes of Annual Meeting were approved

- b. Volunteer Appreciation Sunday Procedures are available for next year's Board.
 - c. Brief discussion of UWM video contest Tabled until the next month.
 - d. Nancy and Rev. Linda submitted updates for November 1st newsletter.
5. New Business:
- a. Chose dates and times for Board meetings through March. Discussion about continuing the fourth Monday at 5 p.m. and Member's potential conflict. Nancy and Rev. Linda will meet to discuss about a potential revision of Board Membership.
 - b. Postcard for candle lighting service (12/22), Burning Bowl (12/29) Discussion about the difficulty explaining Letter to God/white stone service (1/05). Discussion about the purpose and cost of sending a card to extended community or neighborhood. Given the budgeted line items for marketing and postage, the Board will consider a roadside placard inviting passersby to Christmas service as alternative.
 - c. Discuss how to welcome first-time attendees as few return. Rev. Linda reports declining attendance generally among all dominations. Our message is different enough for visitors. Grateful for those coming, welcome them, and pray for those who come.
 - d. Reviewed and Approved this meeting's Minutes, including dates of next Board meetings

LOOKING AHEAD: New rental agreement with PCAC at the next Board meeting. Discussed about the need for classroom for adult classes. Nancy reviewed Board member terms.

Closing prayer: Rev. Linda
Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Board Meeting Calendar – Mondays at 5 PM on Zoom

[November 25](#)
[December 16](#)
[January 27](#)
[February 24](#)
[March 24](#)