



Mission
We are a vibrant spiritual community
awakening each life to the Christ within.

Vision
Centered in Divine Love, we honor and celebrate
a world awakened to peace, abundance, and respect for all creation.

Unity of Fairfax Board of Trustees

Monthly Meeting, Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Board Members Present	Others Present	Board Members Absent
Russell Heiland, Senior Minister		
Teresa Accomando, First Chair		
Marangely Sandvik, Member at Large		
Julie Fisher, Secretary		
Dave Richardson, Treasurer		
Anthony Flournoy, Keeper of the Flame		
Ed Merritt, Member at Large		

Quorum present? Yes

Meeting was called to order on August 24th at 7:06pm EDT
No Executive session needed

MOTION: Approval of June 22, 2021 Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Teresa moved Anthony seconded, unanimously approved. July Board of Trustees cancelled

MOTION: Approve re-allocation of \$40,000 of the capital reserve fund to operating reserves as of August 2021. Dave moved Ed seconded, unanimously approved.

MOTION: Approve to shift the monthly allocation to reserves from the current distribution of \$1500 to capital/\$2000 operating reserves to direct all \$3500 to operating reserves Aug - Dec 31, 2021. Dave moved Ed seconded, unanimously approved.

Minister’s Report: Attached as Appendix 1

Financial Report: <https://www.unityoffairfax.org/board-financial-statements>

Committee Reports:
Decision made not to review Bylaws at this time as pandemic continues. Bylaw Review
Minister Review will be completed by the end of Sept 2021.

Old business: (if applicable):
2022 Nominating Committee is being reconstituted owing to the departure of the elected leader from 2021 Annual Member meeting.

Leadership of Mildred Park Society to be determined in 2022.

New business:

Annual meeting: plan for attendance to be decided during September board meeting

Upcoming Dates:

Board of Trustees Zoom Monthly Session on Sept 28 7-9:30pm EDT

Appendix 1 Minister's Report

Minister's Report * August 24, 2021 (*drafted on August 18, 2021*)

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

Retirement to Refirement – Unity of Fairfax at 65 was launched at the Community Dialog Meeting on August 1. Updates are as follows:

- ✓ Promotional letters were sent to all members in late July about this initiative
- ✓ The website now has a *Refirement* dedicated page
- ✓ Rev. Ron and I are reaching out to members to invite them to church
- ✓ Personal testimonials were shared on 8/8, 8/15 and are scheduled for 8/22, 8/29, 9/5
- ✓ Over \$16k has been received for the \$65k fundraiser
- ✓ Unity will distribute reusable shopping bags at the farmers market on 8/21. Several church members have volunteered
- ✓ Promotional letter was sent to Oakton addresses in the Unity database
- ✓ Promotional letters are now being sent block-by-block to all addresses in Oakton
- ✓ Promotion for Homecoming Sunday (9/19/21) will begin on August 22, 2021.
- ✓ Homecoming Sunday will feature an EarthCare led tree planting of a native tree
- ✓ Homecoming Sunday will feature an “individually-wrapped” ice cream social on the labyrinth

I have been slowed on the external **YouTube** project (operationalizing our externally-focused YouTube account), but slowly Sharon Sobel and staff are moving forward with it.

ACTION ITEMS: *None at this time*

DISCUSSION ITEMS: *None at this time*

INFORMATION ITEMS:

The Celebration of Life service for Jean Murphy was held on August 14 and did have a reception with food in the Atrium. Guests were advised to take their plates outside, and if they remained inside to lower their masks only to eat or drink. We took attendance. I granted authorization for the reception back in June when covid numbers were coming down. No other food service is planned for the foreseeable future.

I will be engaged in Unity ministerial applicant interviews August 23, 24, 25 and Unity minister candidate progress interviews August 31, September 1, 2. These will take most of my work days each day, but I plan to do these calls from the church and will be available if needed.

The movie **Crip Camp** scheduled for September 17 will be shown online, not in person, owing to covid numbers.

I am in dialog with the Prayer Chaplains and Youth Ed department to schedule a pet blessing on Saturday, October 2. The idea emerged when a friend of mine suggested a “meet the Zoomies” class event. This would be another way to engage the farmers’ market shoppers.

Donna Lee has crafted the study guide for Unity Awakening 2021 based on *Trusting the Gold*, by Tara Brach. We are reviewing it together on August 19. After that, Cathy Kurvers will do final editing. It will be available as a download on our website. The series will run October 3 – November 7.