



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, September 28, 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 September 28th at 7:10pm EDT
No Executive session needed

MOTION: Approval of August 24, 2021 Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Teresa moved Anthony seconded, unanimously approved.

MOTION: Approve Unity of Fairfax issue a one-time tithe of \$250 to Cathy Kurvers in appreciation for editing the Unity Awakening 2021 study guide to be paid in October from the September tithes. Teresa moved Anthony seconded, unanimously approved.

MOTION: Approve Unity of Fairfax issue a one-time tithe of \$100 to Vicky Alvarez, local artist, whose art is used with permission in the Unity Awakening 2021 study guide to be paid in October from the September tithes. Teresa moved Anthony seconded, unanimously approved.

MOTION: Approve Unity of Fairfax issue a one-time tithe of \$100 to Tara Brach in appreciation for writing the source material for Unity Awakening 2021 to be paid in October from September tithes. Anthony moved Ed seconded, unanimously approved.

MOTION: Approve Carlos Castro be received as a full voting member of Unity of Fairfax. On September 23 Russ completed an individualized New Member Class with Carlos Castro. Mara moved Julie seconded, unanimously approved.

Minister’s Report: Attached as Appendix 1

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

Committee Reports:

Minister Review will be completed in the first week of Oct 2021.

Old business: (if applicable):

2022 Board of Trustees Nominations are closed.

Annual meeting: plan for attendance to be hybrid - in person and on-line

New business:

N/A

Upcoming Dates:

Board of Trustees Zoom Monthly Session on Oct 26 7-9:30pm EDT

Appendix 1 Minister's Report

Minister's Report * September 28, 2021 (*updated September 27, 2021*)

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

From Retirement to Refirement – Unity of Fairfax at 65!

As of September 17, 2021, 6 individuals have shared their refirement stories

The \$65,000 fundraiser has raised just under \$38,000 (as of 9/21/21).

250 reusable shopping bags were distributed at the farmers market on 8/21/21

Promotional letters continue to be mailed to Oakton addresses

About 65 people attended in person for the 65th Anniversary/Homecoming service. The tree-planting, reusable bag giveaway, and individually-wrapped ice cream social were appreciated.

Updated Safety Protocols: Notification of vaccine requirement was made on Sunday. No complaints yet, and I did hear applause on Sunday. I shared it with the Welcome Team that day and all were in favor of it.

Celebrations of Life, Children, Receptions: For Charlie Schneider's celebration of life, I am working with Amy and Ron to clarify a protocol for how to allow unvaccinated children participate (proof of a negative test within a reasonable period of time) as well as how to do outdoor receptions.

External YouTube channel: work continues to bring this marketing tool online.

Youth of Unity: We are planning to resume YOU for vaccinated youth in October. They will meet in the Conference Room with doors open and the nearest building doors open (or outside).

ACTION ITEMS:

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DISCUSSION ITEMS: n/a

INFORMATION ITEMS:

Rev. Sherrie Quander is leading the prayer chaplains, Rev. Ron, and me in Science of Mind prayer training class on September 25.

Drum Circles will be held on the Labyrinth on October 1, 15, 29 led by LeAnne Gioeli, Nina Gibson, myself. Love offering to Unity of Fairfax.

Pet Blessing with Prayer Chaplains on the Labyrinth is scheduled for October 2, 9 am – 1 pm.

Unity Awakening 2021 is set; study guide complete; 5 groups are set and there might be 1 more composed of YFM parents. The Sunday series will run October 3 – November 7.

Church office will be closed on October 11 for Indigenous People's Day.

Stacey Guenther will lead a special RAIN meditation on October 30 (RAIN is a part of the material from Unity Awakening).

As mentioned previously, I participated in ministerial program admissions and progress interviews. Although I had not intended to receive a new Field Ministry Program, there were more admitted candidates than mentors, and I was asked to be a mentor again and said yes. My mentee, Dean Isley, is the spiritual leader of Unity on the Mountain in Huntsville, AL. As a part of the program, I will need to make 2 visits to his ministry during his tenure in the program. The first should be by year-end 2021, the second within one year of ordination.