



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, April 26 2022

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

Quorum present? Yes

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm

There was no Executive Session in this meeting.

Approval of the March meeting minutes was tabled until the May meeting.

Minister’s Report: Attached as Appendix 1

Committee Reports: (if applicable)

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

Old business:

Board addressed and planned the May 1 Community Dialog Meeting. No votes needed to be taken with this piece of business.

New business:

The idea of resuming Movie Night was discussed (both indoor and on the labyrinth). Rev. Russell shared that the staff has already discussed this as a program and wants to pursue it. (Midd has equipment that could be used.)

Board notification in Weekly email on Thursday, May 5, 2022 will be written by Dave Richardson and be a recap of the Community Dialog Meeting of May 1.

Motions:

No motions were made at this meeting. The Action Items proposed in Rev. Russell’s report were tabled until the May meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Upcoming Dates:

Community Dialog Meeting - May 1, 2022

Board Mid-Month Meeting - May 10, 2022

Regular May Board of Trustees Meeting - May 24, 2022

Appendix 1 Minister's Report

Minister's Report * April 26, 2022

Submitted April 22, 2022

Strategic Goals

Here is the link to the [Progress Log](#) on my goals. I update it regularly. Key updates include:

Decision not to pursue creating a community garden in the front yard. At present, Unity does not have the volunteers to make this happen: however, we now have peace sign mowed into the grass!

Just over 400 Easter cards were mailed. I received several thank you's for them.

I invited all religion professors at GMU and NoVa to World Labyrinth Day on May 7, 2022.

Decision not to pursue having a booth at Viva Vienna. At present, Unity does not have the volunteers to make this happen; however, we will have a booth at Reston Pride on June 4. Any Trustees who can attend will be much appreciated.

I am working with Steve Marcom to create videos to accompany the online membership class. This project should be completed in May.

Discussion Items

How to connect with key constituents not addressed during the initial survey period.

May 1, 2022 Community Dialog Meeting (noted elsewhere in this meeting agenda).

Action Items

In order to facilitate and legitimize online and hybrid membership and meetings, I move that the following changes to the Policy Manual be made to the Voting Membership Policy and Remote Attendance and Electronic Voting Policy:

Voting Membership Policy

Change FROM:

3.4. Candidates who are able to attend are formally accepted into Voting Membership at a ceremony in the Sunday morning services.

Change TO:

3.4. Candidates are encouraged to participate in a Voting Membership ceremony.

Remote Attendance and Electronic Voting Policy

Remove section 3.1.6

3.1.6. Board members may not attend more than two consecutive regularly-scheduled Board meetings remotely, or more than three in any calendar year.

Change FROM:

3.1.7. Board members must attend the January retreat in person.

Change TO:

3.1.7 Board members must attend the 1st Quarter retreat in person barring unusual circumstances.

Information Items

The Unity Urban Ministerial School Class of 2022 coordinated a service project of providing Unity books for ministerial and licensed teacher candidates in South Africa. US churches and centers were asked to send books to a central point in Florida, and from there the UUMS class would arrange shipping to the Unity Centre of Love and Light in Johannesburg, attn. Rev. Thandi Nhlengetwa. Rev. Ron culled our library of duplicate books (we had several), and Unity of Fairfax sent 76 books. I authorized tithe funds to pay the \$97 to ship the books to Florida. We received a lovely thank you note from the UUMS Class of 2022.

I will be away April 28 – May 2 visiting family in Indiana. JD Martin and Jan Garrett will be guest speakers/musicians on May 1.

Amy Conley and Bailey Graff are doing a concert on the Labyrinth on May 14. (I will be at a family gathering in PA.)

There will be a full moon/eclipse drum circle on the labyrinth on May 15 led by Daniel Greenberg. I will be there.

The Social Justice Team is having a team picnic after church at the church on May 22. Trustees are invited to attend. It's a bring-your-own-lunch.

I will be away June 5 – 10 for my mother's 80th birthday.

I will be leading the Metaphysical Group June 12 - August 28, 2022. It will be a hybrid study of the Gospel of Thomas.