



*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, July 26, 2022**

<b>Board Members Present</b>	<b>Others Present</b>	<b>Board Members Absent</b>
	Peter Lunt	Russell Heiland, Senior Minister
		Julie Fisher, First Chair
Ed Merritt, Second Chair		
Dave Richardson, Treasurer		
Marangely Sandvik, Keeper of the Flame		
Midd Hunt, Member at Large		
Bowman Kell, Secretary		

**Quorum present?** Yes

Meeting was called to order on July 26 at 7:03 pm

**Executive Session:** An Executive Session was called to order at 7:12 pm EST and ended at 7:15 pm EST.

**Minister’s Report:** Appendix 1.

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

**Old business:**

Room space rental: Ed shared [SpaceTogether.com](https://www.spacetogether.com) which has information and possibilities in online marketing church space. Ed will discuss further at mid-month meeting. As a point of reference, we brought in more from the Illuminate Fairfax event as compared to an entire year of the Farmer’s market.

Summer camps to market space: could we reuse the brochure created pre-COVID to promote our classrooms and facility? Suggested Mara and Julie discuss further.

Digitizing media for donations: Rev Russ and UniSync have approved Midd Hunt teaching course called “Shoebox Solutions: Create, Organize, and Preserve Your Personal History” on Oct 1, 5 and 18. All proceeds from the registration (\$175 per person) will be donated to the church.

66th anniversary fundraising: Julie & Dave are working to secure matching funds for the \$66,000 campaign. Board members will start their calls after the Community Dialogue spotlight.

## **New business:**

**Montessori School:** Peter Lunt shared a request from Scott Smith for tenant improvements renovating the Mildred Park Center to add:

- Child-sized junior toilets and sinks to 3 classrooms (to support potty training)
- Add 5 windows for increased light and airflow when weather permits. Approximately 6 ft high by 4 ft wide.
- Add dishwasher and washer and dryer in the kitchen area

Scott understands leasehold improvements would be tenant expense, and are not covered by Unity of Fairfax. Board discussed providing an abatement of 3% rent escalation that goes into effect August 1, 2022 to January 2, 2023.

**Newsletter:** Article for early August email to include 66th Anniversary Celebration. Dave and Ed will work together on this.

**Fruit tree or berry bushes:** Ed explored an idea with Rick Hartley of possibly planting a berry or a fruit tree somewhere on the campus. It would symbolically represent regrown or “emergence” from pandemic.

**August Community Dialogue:** Board made slide assignments.

## **Motions:**

**MOTION:** Approval of June 28, 2022 Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes  
Dave Richardson moved, Midd Hunt seconded, unanimously approved.

**MOTION:** Approval for renovations requested by Montessori School once we have final approval of their plans and we authorized the abatement of 3% rent escalation until January 1, 2023.

Dave Richardson moved, Ed Merritt seconded, unanimously approved.

**MOTION:** The Board authorizes transfer of \$10,000 from capital reserve to operating cash account. Ed Merritt moved, Midd Hunt seconded, unanimously approved.

**MOTION:** Unity of Fairfax will cease tithing to Unity Para Todos and begin tithing to the Unity Urban Ministry School. Bowman Kell moved, Ed Merritt seconded, unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 pm EDT

## **Upcoming Dates:**

Board of Trustees Midd-Month Session on Aug 9th 7-8 pm EDT

Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting on Aug 23rd 7-9:30 pm EDT

## **Strategic Goals**

Edits made to [Progress Log on Ministerial Goals](#).

## **Discussion Items**

How does the Board want to acknowledge Unity's 66th Anniversary on Sunday, September 18? I have asked Amy to find special guest artists.

## **Action Items**

I move that Unity of Fairfax make a dedicated \$250 per month tithe to the Unity Urban Ministerial School (UUMS) effective with July 2022 tithes.

Rationale: UUMS provides one of four paths to ordination as a Unity minister. The three others are UWSI (the online program that replaced the on campus program at Unity Village; Teresa Accomando, project manager), the Unity Field Program (the path taken by Rev. Ron and myself), and ordination by exception (determined on a case-by-case basis by the UWM Board – Marianne Williamson was ordained in this way). These three programs are supported by the tithes Unity of Fairfax makes to UWM.

UUMS was created in the 1970's as a response to racism within Unity and now is an ethnically-integrated program producing strong Unity ministers including Rev. Shad Groverland, Executive Director of Unity Worldwide Ministries. UUMS receives periodic tithes from UWH and UWM, but is not a regular line item on the UWM annual budget like the other programs.

Implementation of this action would be added as a regular monthly tithe which would reduce the percentage amounts rendered to UWM and UWH.

In a related note, we are discontinuing the \$250/month tithe to Unity Para Todos in July as that ministry has closed down.

## **Information Items**

I will have my iPad with me while I am at the Chautauqua Institute; however, the purpose of the trip is professional development coupled with self-care. I will be away July 16 - July 30, 2022.

Lenny Weltman gave his notice effective July 31. Patie and I are in discernment about next steps with physical plant maintenance.

The Youth of Unity will be Platform Assistants with me on July 31.

Unity will have a book sale as a part of Oakton Day on August 14.

I will be doing a series on Unity's 5 Principles starting on August 21. We will distribute Unity booklets (free to us) during the series.

Unity Awakening Fall Series begins on September 25.