



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, Sept 26, 2022

Board Members Present	Others Present	Board Members Absent
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 at 7:14 pm

Executive Session

An Executive Session was called to order at 7:17 pm EDT and ended at 7:35 pm EDT.

Minister’s Report: Attached as Appendix 1

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

Old business:

Special Membership Meeting: August 7, 2022 minutes were discussed and approved.

2023 Board Retreat: Midd Hunt is donating 5 units at Powhatan Plantation in Williamsburg, VA for Board use during January 2023. Board members to finalize dates at the November mid-month meeting.

New business:

Monthly newsletter: Ed Merritt to contribute to the monthly newsletter along with Dave Richardson.

Strategic alternative for 2023 planning: The Board began reviewing strategic alternatives for 2023 planning and budget purposes. This discussion will continue at the October mid-month meeting.

Motions:

MOTION: Approval of August 7, 2022 Special Membership Meeting Minutes
Julie Fisher moved, Ed Merritt seconded, unanimously approved.

MOTION: Approval of August 23, 2022 Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Julie Fisher moved, Ed Merritt seconded, unanimously approved.

MOTION: Approval of new voting membership for Robin Champion and Janet Hylton.
Ed Merritt moved, Dave Richardson seconded, unanimously approved.

Upcoming Dates:

Board of Trustees Mid-Month Session on Oct 11th 7-8 pm EDT

Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting on Oct 25th 7-9:30 pm EDT

Strategic Goals

Between now and the October meeting, I will create a new Minister's Goals Progress Log based on the feedback from my review.

Discussion Items

I would like the church to be able to offer Christmas bonuses to staff to be paid with payroll ending 12/15/22. Let's discuss the feasibility of this request.

Related to this is the question of how long do we want to continue the 66th anniversary fundraiser? Last year we continued until we reached our target of \$65,000.

Action Items

I move that Robin Champion and Janet Hylton be received as Voting Members of Unity of Fairfax.

Rationale: Both ladies completed the online membership class that included a Zoom session with me. I am satisfied that they will be engaged as Voting Members. New Member Installation is scheduled for Sunday, October 16, 2022.

Note: There may be one other individual who completes the class before the 16th. I will consult with her and request she complete the requirements by the October mid-month so that the Board can arrange a vote on accepting her membership at that time and include her in the New Member Installation on 10/16/22.

Information Items

Kudos to Julie Fisher and Mara Rodriguez for a successful first Unity Hiking Club hike on September 23. Sixteen people and 3 dogs participated.

The Unite and Celebrate New Thought Renaissance weekend is September 30 and October 1. All DMV area churches and centers have been invited; several will have participants. Proceeds after expenses will benefit the Lutheran Social Services of the National Capitol Region's refugee resettlement programs.

I intend to focus the October 8 SSC meeting on volunteerism.

I have secured guest presenters for weeks 2-6 of the Unity Awakening Fall series for the Metaphysical Group and Thursday night session. Some are GMU faculty members, others are local faith leaders, and one is the Rev. Paul John Roach.

I will be in Miami from October 17 - 24 for the installation service of Rev. DelHeirro and few days of vacation. Rev. Roach will be guest speaker on Sunday, October 23.

Staff has offered to arrange to have refreshments on hand for Sundays. Peter Chapin is diligently working to get ministry teams to provide volunteers and supplemental snacks.

EarthCare is providing refreshment services on October 2 and having a grounds work day after church.

The Board will want to review procedures for preparation of the Annual Membership Meeting on November 6.