



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, January 10, 2023

Board Members Present	Others Present	Board Members Absent
Russell Heiland, Senior Minister		
Bowman Kell, First Chair		
Ed Merritt, Second Chair		
Dave Richardson, Treasurer		
Sherrie Quander, Secretary		
Julie Fisher, Keeper of the Flame		
Midd Hunt, Member at Large		

Quorum present? Yes

Meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm EST

Executive Session

An Executive Session was called to order at 7:12 pm EST and ended at 7:30 pm EST.

Minister’s Update: Attached as Appendix 1

Committee Reports: N/A

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

Old business:

2023 Board officers and roles discernment

First Chair: Bowman Kell

Second Chair: Ed Merritt

Secretary: Sherrie Quander

Treasurer: Dave Richardson

Keeper of the Flame: Julie Fisher

Member at Large: Midd Hunt

Senior Minister: Russell Heiland

Retreat logistics

Thanks again to Midd Hunt for his gracious donation of rooms for the in-person leadership retreat in Williamsburg VA, January 20-22, 2023. Board members will cover their own travel and meal expenses. Gail Hughes is the facilitator. The Board will sign the 2023 Code of Ethics in-person during the retreat.

New business:

2023 Meeting dates:

The Board will hold its mid-month meeting the second Tuesday of each month and its monthly business meeting the fourth Tuesday of each month.

A Board representative will be identified each month to attend the Sacred Service Council meeting on the second Saturday of each month.

The 2023 Community Dialogues are planned for February 5, May 7, August 6 and November 5. November 5 is also the Annual Membership meeting.

New Member:

Mary Mass has completed all requirements to become a voting member of Unity of Fairfax.

Motions:

MOTION: Approval of December 13, 2022 Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Russell Heiland moved, Julie Fisher seconded, unanimously approved.

MOTION: Approval of December 20, 2022 Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Russell Heiland moved, Julie Fisher seconded, unanimously approved.

MOTION: Granting voting membership in Unity of Fairfax for Mary Mass.
Bowman Kell moved, Ed Merritt seconded, unanimously approved.

Upcoming Dates:

Board of Trustees Midd-Month Session on January 31, 2023 (for February Midd-month)

Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting on February 28, 2023

Appendix 1 Minister's Update

Minister's Update – not quite a Minister's Report

Emailed to the Board on January 12, 2023 with a few points shared verbally on January 10, 2023

We secured a one off rental on 1/28/23 for 40 electrical engineers. (Julie, you may want to crash this one 😊). The coordinator is an Oakton local who saw our rental ad on the sign out front.

Celebration of Life for Jane McDowell will be on February 4, 2023 at 2:00 pm

Celebration of Life for Becky Martin will be on February 25, 2023 at 10:00 am

Mosaic Harmony choir wants to book their annual spring concert here on 3/25/23. (We're in discussion now about the rate).

You saw my note about 3 events with Settle Down Easy Brewing and GOCA (Greater Oakton Community Association). We're meeting next week for planning. Oyster Festival tentative date is 4/22/23, the day after our Earth Day drum circle. (Oakttoberfest and Brats and Brots were my ideas - just tooting my own horn.)

Drum circles are now scheduled monthly March - October.

We have a huge wedding booked on May 6, (which will mean a fun physical set up for church and CDM on May 7)

I registered the BoT for the February 18 Power of Focused Ministry program in C-ville. You will be receiving confirmations to your church emails.

Fran Patchett and I have laid out the February Metaphysical Group study for 4 sessions in February on the Gospel of Mary Magdalene.

I had lunch yesterday with Rev. Edith from Unity in Gaithersburg. When she served at Unity in Syracuse, NY, they often partnered with the Turkish school (aligned with the Hizmet movement like Pinnacle) on activities. She had positive things to say about their relationship.

UWM, at my request, is investigating the sourcing of white stones from Palestinian territory.

On Jan. 26 I will be attending a breakfast of the police civilian review panel at the Tower club.

Rev. Shea Maultsby from Unity of Sussex County, NJ, will be visiting online this weekend as part of her ministerial study. She is in the field program for ordination like Rev. Ron. She will be in person in February.

Shoebox Solutions workshop will be February 25 and March 4 in the morning.

Health insurance premiums are lower than 2022 and Liability insurance increased.

Rev. Kris from Celebration CSL and I are co-facilitating Visioning: the Path of Transformation Feb. 2 - March 9, 2023 on Zoom.