



*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, June 27, 2023**

<b>Board Members Present</b>	<b>Others Present</b>	<b>Board Members Absent</b>
		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 7:02 pm

**Executive Session**

An Executive Session was called to order at 7:04 pm EST and ended at 7:53 pm EST.

**Minister’s Report:** Attached as Appendix 1

**Committee Reports: (if applicable)**

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

**Old business: (if applicable)**

We continue to defer the discussion of the Montersori School rent increase until July board meeting.

**New business: (if applicable)**

Discussed a new format for the monthly Board report for the newsletter. The Board update will be sent out once a month beginning in July, 2023.

Discussion on the Minister’ review will begin in August.

Discussion on topics for August 6, 2023, community dialogue meeting: Imagine Vision & Mission, stewardship, Mildred Park Society marketing webinar and luncheon, anniversary- recognition of long-time members, Nominating committee announcement, ministry team spotlight.

Began discussion on date, place, and agenda for the fall board retreat.

## **Motions:**

**MOTION:** Approval of May 23, 2023, Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes  
Bowman moved Dave seconded, unanimously approved.

MOTION: The Board approves the 2023 annual withdrawal from the Mildred Park Endowment of \$11,500 to be transferred to the unrestricted operating account.” Dave moved we proceed with this motion. Ed second the motion and the motion was passed.

## **Upcoming Dates:**

Board of Trustees Midd-Month Session on July 11, 2013 at 7:00 pm.

Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting on July 25, 2023 at 7:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

## **Appendix 1 Minister's Report**

### **Strategic Goals**

I keep the [2022-2023 Minister's Progress Log](#) current.

### **Discussion Items**

1. Teresa Accomando has agreed to serve as facilitator for the mission/vision work I proposed at the June 14 Midd month meeting. Bowman may have more to share about this as she and I connected with Teresa on Thursday, June 22. It was a wide-ranging conversation, and what emerged for me was the call to review our core values first. Trustees' feedback is sought.
2. Bowman and I have discussed revisions to the Policy Manual. We suggest keeping a running log of edits to make then review them all at the October Midd month followed by a vote on acceptance of revisions at the October regular Trustees' meeting.
3. With the new weekly Highlights email format (Wednesday only delivery), I suggest that the letter from the Board be distributed on the first Friday of the month as a separate document. My affirmation is that this will give the Board's communication more attention than if it were included in a regular weekly communication from the church.

**Information Items**

I will be at the Chautauqua Institute July 7 - 17, 2023. That will complete my summer travel. Revs. Sandy and Sherrie will speak on the Sundays I am out.

The May and June drum circles had low attendance (13-15), so I am putting them on hiatus in July and August. The scheduled September date is the 15th, which I shall endeavor to make a big event related to the 67th Anniversary.

On July 22, Unity is hosting an event with the Art of Living Foundation, a Hindu organization, that will be a de facto "Interfaith Friendship Saturday" featuring elements of Hindu spiritual practice. This is a love offering event with all proceeds going to Unity of Fairfax.

**Action Items**

None at this time