



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 25, 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 7:00 pm.

Executive Session

An Executive Session was called to order at 7:02 pm EST and ended at 7:04 pm EST.

Minister’s Report: Attached as Appendix 1

Committee Reports: (if applicable)

There was discussion around stewardship and the 67th anniversary fundraising. Rev. Russ is in discussion with Teresa Accomando regarding Mission/Vision/Core Value planning.

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

See motions below.

Old business: (if applicable)

Montessori School - See motion below.

August 6, 2023, Community Dialogue Deck completed, and Board Members assigned their part to present to the community.

New business: (if applicable)

Polishing of the August Board Newsletter which is scheduled to go out on August 2, 2023.

Discussed the organization of the Board Retreat on August 12th at Dave's home.

Motions:

MOTION: Ed moved, and Bowman seconded, the Minutes of the June 27, 2023, Board of Trustees meeting be approved. Motion was unanimously approved.

MOTION: Dave moved, and Bowman seconded, The Board authorizes and extraordinary withdrawal from the Mildred Park Endowment of \$20,000 to be transferred to the unrestricted operating account at such point as the combined balances of the unrestricted, Operating Reserve and Capital Reserve accounts is less than \$25,000. The authorization to be confirmed by separate vote of the Unity Finance Committee. Motion was unanimously approved.

MOTION: Dave moved, and Sherrie seconded, The Board approves the Montessori Rent Escalation Schedule (revised July 17, 2023) that defers such escalations to September 2024, with adjustments to make up the full amount of increases in the initial revised rent escalation plan. Motion was unanimously approved.

MOTION: Rev. Russ moved, and Dave seconded, Unity of Fairfax make a one-time tithe to Unity of Chautauqua for \$500.00 to be paid in August out of July tithes. This amount will reduce the amount designated to Unity Worldwide Ministries. Motion was unanimously approved.

Upcoming Dates:

There will be no August mid-month Board meeting.

Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting on August 22, 2023

Appendix 1 Minister's Report

Strategic Goals

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

Discussion Items

Once we hear from Teresa Accomando her plan for addressing mission/vision/core values, I would like to request Trustees call everyone on the active membership list to participate in the process. I'll craft a simple script.

In August the church will send an all-in-one invite to the above, letter encouraging financial support, and homecoming (9/17/23) announcement to the distribution list.

Staff is in discussion about both a Spring Break and Summer "Earth Spirit Kids' Camp." The camp would most likely last one week.

Amy, Bev, and I will be working closely with Fidel Carey-Realmo and Carolyn Berry to create low cost Big Magic collective art projects. My goal is to have something in process so that guests at Oaktoberfest will see our creativity in progress.

For the month of August, my Sunday talks will be based on the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. Several Unity of Fairfax members will speak and my talks will pull from *Jesus and the Disinherited* by Howard Thurman.

Information Items

Anthony and I have a pending offer to go to Smith Mountain Lake for a few weekdays in August.

Rev. Ana Quintana will be guest speaker on September 3. I'll be here, too. She'll lead the Metaphysical Group in Spanish that day. Rev. Ana is on the UWM Board and will already be in the area (Alexandria) for her daughter's birthday.

Save the dates:

- August 26 - March on Washington 60th Continuation (DC)
- August 27 - Oakton Day at the Park, our parking lot will be used
- September 9 - Karaoke (7-10 pm)
- September 15 - Drum circle
- September 16 - Cabaret show fundraiser
- September 17 - Homecoming
- September 30 - Mission/Vision and Core Values work session (times tbd)
- October 8 - Tentative auction fundraiser (pending creation of a team!)
- October 14 - Oaktobefest
- October 15 - 50/50 raffle drawing

Action Item

I move that Unity of Fairfax make a one-time tithe to Unity of Chautauqua for \$500.00 to be paid in August out of July tithes. This amount will reduce the amount designated to Unity Worldwide Ministries.

Rationale: My time at Chautauqua Institute was truly transformative, and I would like to honor the organization that sponsored my visit.