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**Unity of Fairfax Board of Trustees
September 24, 2024**

Board Members Present	Others Present	Board Members Absent
Russell Heiland, Senior Minister		
Bowman Kell, First Chair		
Millicent Eubanks, Second Chair		
		Ed Merritt, Treasurer
Sherrie Quander, Secretary		
Kalahn Taylor-Clark, Keeper of the Flame		Kalahn Taylor-Clark, Keeper of the Flame
Midd Hunt, Member at Large		

Quorum present? Yes

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm EST

Executive Session

An Executive Session was called to order at 7:17 pm EST and ended at 7:45 pm EST.

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

Minister’s Report: Attached as Appendix 1

Team/Committee Reports: (if applicable, otherwise remove)

Old business: (if applicable, otherwise remove)

Bowman and Sherrie agreed to be the delegates representing Unity of Fairfax at the UWM annal meeting. We decided to postpone the Board outreach to members until after the first of the year. Updates on the Mildred Park task force has been postponed until the October meeting.

New business: (if applicable, otherwise remove)

We postponed the discussion on the 2025 budget until the October meeting. We discussed the possible dates for the January Board retreat. Prayer partners for the month of October are: Midd and Bowman, Kalahan and Sherrie, and Millcent and Ed.

Upcoming Dates:

Board of Trustees Midd-Month Session on October 8, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting on October 22, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

Appendix I

Minister's Report

Strategic Goals

I keep the 2023-2024 Minister's Progress Log current. I anticipate simplifying this spreadsheet for 2024-2025 as some content could fit in multiple categories.

Discussion Items

Safety and Security Team. On Thursday, September 19, Gladys Robinson, Midd Hunt, and I attended the Interfaith Resiliency Conference produced by Faith Communities in Action, a division of Fairfax County government. Pre-Covid Unity of Fairfax had a Health and Safety Team; however, it has become defunct. Considering the potential threats to both people and property relating to safety (i.e. health) and security (natural and man-made disasters), it is imperative to revisit and revise all of our safety and security protocols (many of which we have, but have not been fully re-activated since the pandemic). Rob Davis and Ellie Hunt have agreed to join the team. This warrants close attention by the Board as this topic falls under the category of risk management.

Information Items

Jan Garrett and JD Martin will be guest musicians on September 29. Revs. Donna Johnson and Sandra Butler will be joining me on the platform.

The Celebration of Life Service for Rev. Jane will be on September 29 preceded by a luncheon. Church will most likely be set up cabaret-style that day. Concelebrants will be Rev. Donna Johnson, Rev. Sandra Butler, Rev. Trish Hall, and me.

Autumn fundraisers Ministry Miles (9/30/24-10/04/24) and the Unity Fall Fun-Fest Auction (10/06/24-10/27/24) are in full swing.

Soni Weiss is presenting a program on October 6 on Advance Care Planning.

I will be going to Indiana for a family visit October 9-14. (Sunday the 13th is my 59th birthday and I'm choosing to spend it with my family this year. Rev. Sherrie will be guest speaker that day.)

Unity of Fairfax will host a concert to benefit Rosie's Farm Sanctuary in Potomac, MD in conjunction with UUCF on Saturday, October 19.

Sharon Shreve is presenting a program on October 20 based on her new book, Ponderings.

Unity of Fairfax will host the Eastern Region YOU Fall rally October 25 - 27, 2024. Anticipate about 25 fully-chaperoned kids to attend. This will help boost the consciousness of Youth Ed at Unity of Fairfax.

Bradley Rhodes, formerly with the music duo Elevado, will be presenting a concert on Saturday, November 2. He will be guest musician on November 3.

Action Items



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