



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

**Affirmation for the month:**

“But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well” (Matthew 6:33)

Meeting Minutes Wednesday, September 23, 2020

Board Members Present	Others Present	Board Members Absent
Russell Heiland, Senior Minister		
John Kell, First Chair		
Anthony Flournoy, Second Chair		
Marangely Sandvik, Secretary		
John Dickman, Treasurer		
Gail Hughes, Keeper of the Flame		
Nancy Schneider, Member at Large		

Meeting was called to order on September 23, 2020 at 7:07pm.

**MOTION: One time tithe of \$100 to be paid to Carey Nieuwhof**

Russell moved that Unity of Fairfax designate a one-time tithe of \$100 to be paid in October to Carey Nieuwhof in appreciation for the wisdom offered through his blogs.

The motion was passed unanimously.

**MOTION: Teresa Accomando to be appointed to fill first chair position on the BoT**

Russell moved that Teresa Accomando be appointed to fill the balance of John Kell’s board term and if appointed, that Teresa be invited to the balance of 2020 meetings of the Unity of Fairfax Board of Trustees. Teresa has said she is willing to serve.

The motion was passed unanimously.

**MOTION: Hunter Mill Montessori renegotiation of lease agreement**

John Dickman moved, and Nancy Schneider seconded, that the Board of Trustees allow Peter Lunt to negotiate a payment agreement for the term from Oct. 1, 2020 to Dec. 31, 2020 for which Unity of Fairfax is not held responsible for any rebate of payments made by Hunter Mill Montessori to date.

The motion was passed unanimously.

**MOTION: Renegotiation of mortgage principal and interest payments**

The Board of Trustees moved to allow Peter Lunt and Stephen Cumbie to negotiate an agreement with United Bank in which Unity of Fairfax will pay interest and \$4,000 of principal

during each of the months of October, November, and December 2020. The remaining principal portion of each month will be deferred until the end of the loan term of September 2031. The motion was passed unanimously.

Rev. Russell Heiland Minister's Report

### **Minister's Report \* September 23, 2020**

#### **STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:**

**Income Generation and Financial Matters:** On Sunday, September 20 I uploaded to the Google drive my notes from the income/revenue team meeting that Mara Sandvik, Anthony Flournoy and I had that day. Updates: the trailer is listed on Craigslist; Amy, Ron, and Tony will get it on Facebook Marketplace. Dave Colburn is onboard to assist with the next online Auction.

Question for Board: Do you have a preference on date for the wine sale? If not, I'll select a date based on calendar availability.

Other financial matters (Montessori, balance of 2020 projection) to be addressed in Finance Report.

**2020-2021 Ministerial Goals:** I'll meet soon with Gail to finalize; however, 2 are known: miniMBA through the Miami University Alumni Association that begins on October 5 and sabbatical planning 2021.

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

I move that Unity of Fairfax designate a one-time tithe of \$100 to be paid in October to Carey Nieuwhof in appreciation for the wisdom offered through his blogs. (Tithe will be made payable to Carey Nieuwhof Communications based in Ontario, Canada.)

I move that Teresa Accomando be appointed to fill the balance of John Kell's board term. If appointed, I further move that Teresa be invited to the balance of 2020 meetings of the Unity of Fairfax Board of Trustees. Teresa has said she is willing to serve.

I ask the Board to give assent to announcing that the church grounds are open for gathering with the proviso that the building remains closed to all but essential persons (i.e. there are no restrooms available). In the most recent letter to the congregation about reopening, mention was made to this effect; however, this has not been widely publicized. In a related note, Ron and I do plan to announce some manner of outdoor mid-week get together starting in the next 2 weeks.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEM:**

With her permission, I forwarded to you an email from former Trustee and Unity member Laura Berry in which she shared observations and raised important questions relating to the UWM forensic audit. Please read it. I propose we discuss the matter further at the October mid-month.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

Reminder that I will be officiating the ordination of Rev. Jan Mourning this weekend (9/26-27) in St. Louis. Rev. Sandy will be guest speaker.

Unity Awakening 2020 begins on October 4. Please consider joining a virtual small group!

Please consider participating in the virtual Run/Walk/Roll on October 31. Since a second Run/Walk/Roll is scheduled for Thanksgiving Day, the Thanksgiving Service will this year be a Thanksgiving Eve Service.

We will be doing another mailing to Daily Word readers in Northern Virginia with dates and times of holiday services (all scheduled to be virtual).

I will be taking off Tuesday, October 13 since the federal holiday is on Monday (my usual day off). And, also on October 13, I'll turn 55.

John Dickman Finance Report

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1MSKm0LzDIEDGFy1Sj9Y\\_dda\\_txb\\_CUOJFbWK7CdR3nQ/edit#gid=448679826](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1MSKm0LzDIEDGFy1Sj9Y_dda_txb_CUOJFbWK7CdR3nQ/edit#gid=448679826)