



*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, August 22, 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 7:00pm

**Executive Session**

An Executive Session was called to order at 7:03 pm EST and ended at 7:04 pm EST.

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

**Committee Reports:**

The nominating committee is in discussions with a few people who are possibly interested in being candidates for the 2024 Board.

The Hiking Team is looking to purchase some hats with the church logo on them.

The Social Justice Team is seeking to purchase stamps for postcard “register to vote” project.

The church is considering a research assistant to chronicle church history. It was suggested the secular fund may be able to cover these costs.

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

**Old business: (if applicable)**

The minister review process will take place at the mid-month meeting, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>.

Board Self Reviews are due the day before the annual membership meeting on November 4<sup>th</sup>.

**New business: (if applicable)**

There will be a Board retreat in January and Midd offered to make reservations for us at the Powhatan Resort in Williamsburg again this year.

**Motions:**

**MOTION:** Approval of August 22, 2023, Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Ed moved and Dave seconded, unanimously approved.

**Upcoming Dates:**

Board of Trustees Mid-Month Session on September 12, 2023, at 7:00 pm.

Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting on September 26, 2023, at 7:00 pm.

Appendix 1 Minister's Report

**Strategic Goals**

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

**Discussion Items**

Per my commitment at the Board retreat, I will have member call lists and a simple script to you by the end of the month.

I am in the process of drafting a letter encouraging financial support and attendance at the homecoming service (9/17/23). This will be sent to the USPS distribution list.

**Information Items**

The [Fairfax County Clergy and Leadership Council](#) is re-establishing itself. I serve as co-vice chair with Imam Zia of [MakeSpace](#). Rabbi Amy at [Temple Rodef Shalom](#) is the chair. We coordinate with Suzette Reynolds in the Fairfax County Department of Neighborhoods and Community Services. Our most recent meeting was on August 16.

I am taking parents of elementary age children to lunch on August 20.

[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.

Annual Prayer Chaplain installation will take place on September 10. All current prayer chaplains are returning and one new Prayer Chaplain, Barbara Robinson, will be joining.

Big Magic group art projects will begin on Sunday, October 1. [Fidel Carey-Realmo](#) and [Carolyn Berry](#) are coordinating. They are volunteering their time and talent and some materials, however, we will have a materials cost of about \$700.00

My Unity minister in Wilmington, NC is in hospice care and I have committed to officiating his Celebration of Life. I'm not sure when that will be.

Save the dates:

August 26 - March on Washington 60th Continuation (DC)

August 27 - Oakton Day at the Park, our parking lot will be used; swag bags distributed

September 9 - Karaoke (7-10 pm)

September 10 - Sunday service will feature Prayer Chaplain installation.

September 15 - Drum circle

September 16 - Cabaret show fundraiser featuring Amy and [Barbara Papendorp](#)  
September 17 - Homecoming (new member installation)  
September 23 - Hiking club 1st anniversary  
September 29 - Family movie night showing either Coco or Encanto (movies with Spanish influence to honor Hispanic Heritage Month)  
September 30 - Vision/Mission and Core Values work session (times tbd)  
October 1 - November 5 - Big Magic Art Projects  
October 7 - Banned Books Week Comedy Show  
October 14 - Oaktobefest  
October 15 - 50/50 raffle drawing  
October 22 - Auction fundraiser (New date - original tentative date was October 8)  
October 28 & November 4 - Shoebox Solutions  
November 10-13 - tentative trip to visit family in Indiana. Stacey Guenther guest speaker.

**Action Items:**

None at this time; however, for the September 12 mid-month meeting, I will be providing a slate of new members for the Board to vote on to receive into membership on Sunday, September 17.