



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, Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Board Members Present	Others Present	Board Members Absent
Russell Heiland, Senior Minister		
Julie Fisher, First Chair		
Ed Merritt, Second Chair		
David Richardson, Treasurer		
Marangely Sandvik, Keeper of the Flame		
Midd Hunt, Member at Large		

Quorum present? Yes

Meeting was called to order on May 24 at 7:06 pm EST.

No Executive Session was called.

Minister’s Report: Attached as Appendix 1

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

Old business:

Replacement of Secretary The Board considered the possibility of finding someone to fill the position of Secretary recently vacated by Anthony. We decided to review at our mid-month meeting.

January retreat We discussed a possibility for the January retreat location that Midd had suggested. We decided to table discussion on that for now as it would involve newly elected members who should participate in the discussion. Ed said he would prepare a shared table on the Google drive on which we could all make suggestions.

Third video camera The board discussed the possibility of procuring a third video camera for streaming to give a view of the congregation. We decided to consider next year, after socializing the idea with congregation members.

New business:

Search for prospective tenants: Russ said he would be reaching out to former renters of classroom space at our facility to be on the lookout for prospective new renters.

Motions:

MOTION: Approval of March 22, 2022 Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Dave moved, Ed seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

MOTION: Approval of April 26, 2022 Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Dave moved, Julie seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

MOTION: The Board reviewed proposed changes to the Policy Manual regarding the Voting Membership Policy and Remote Attendance and Electronic Voting Policy which would be more in alignment with online and hybrid membership and meetings (see Minister's Report below).
Julie moved, Dave seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

MOTION: Motion to approve transfer of \$10k from capital reserve to operating cash account.
Dave moved, Ed seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

The Board meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm EST.

Upcoming dates:

Board Mid-Month Meeting - June 14, 2022, 7 pm EST

Regular May Board of Trustees Meeting - June 28, 2022, 7 pm EST

Submitted May 24, 2022

Strategic Goals

Here is the [link](#) to the Progress Log on my goals. I update it regularly. Key updates include:

- ★ video is complete for the "Journey to Unity" new members class; however, a few edits need to be made.
- ★ Prayer Chaplain training begins on June 3, 2022
- ★ recruitment is underway for volunteers for Reston Pride. Trustees are asked to participate. [Sign up here.](#)

Discussion Items

n/a

Action Items

(Carried over from May 2022 meeting) In order to facilitate and legitimize online and hybrid membership and meetings, I move that the following changes to the Policy Manual be made to the Voting Membership Policy and Remote Attendance and Electronic Voting Policy:

Voting Membership Policy

Change FROM:

3.4. Candidates who are able to attend are formally accepted into Voting Membership at a ceremony in the Sunday morning services.

Change TO:

3.4. Candidates are encouraged to participate in a Voting Membership ceremony.

Remote Attendance and Electronic Voting Policy

Remove section 3.1.6

3.1.6. Board members may not attend more than two consecutive regularly-scheduled Board meetings remotely, or more than three in any calendar year.

Change FROM:

3.1.7. Board members must attend the January retreat in person.

Change TO:

3.1.7 Board members must attend the 1st Quarter retreat in person barring unusual circumstances.

Reston Pride: I invite Trustees to sign up to staff our table at the event from 12 noon - 6 pm on Saturday, June 4, 2022. Here's the [link](#). I will be engaged in Prayer Chaplain training that day, but will come to the festival as soon as training is complete (by 5 pm).

Information Items

I was invited to serve as a judge for the Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions 2022 Sustainability Awards. Presentation of the awards will be on June 16. The nominations were utterly outstanding! It's amazing to see the dedication to the creation of a clean environment from members of our local community. Comparing the different nominees to see who best exemplified FACS values was extraordinarily difficult!

I will be away from June 5 – 10 for my mother's 80th birthday. Rev. Ron will be guest speaker on June 5. I will be back for Prayer Chaplain training and Sunday service on June 11 and 12.

I will be leading the Metaphysical Group in a survey of the Gospel of Thomas from June 12 - August 28, 2022.

I will be attending the UWM Convention in Kansas City June 13 -17. I will have my laptop and will be working around convention events.

Unity of Fairfax is hosting a clothing swap for Dulles Triangles (and LGBT group) on Saturday, June 18. This is another great opportunity for outreach to a demographic that would feel welcome at Unity. I will be here for the event. Unity will distribute reusable grocery bags stuffed with Unity literature.

As part of our Juneteenth celebration, Unity will host a non-partisan voter registration drive on Sunday, June 19 in collaboration with the League of Women Voters.

Unity is hosting a kirtan by former YOU'er from Unity of Gaithersburg and songwriter [Emily Hall](#) on Sunday, June 26, 2022. She will market the event to her network and is considering Unity as a venue for future events. This is another great opportunity for outreach to a demographic that would feel welcome at Unity.

I am in discernment about leading a series of crucial conversations with our congregation and whoever else might like to attend around the intersection of spiritual principles and issues of the day including but not limited to: critical race theory, replacement theory, banned books, pronouns (he/she/they), reproductive freedom, transfer of wealth. Guidelines for effective communication and ground rules would have to be established in order to assure a meaningful and engaging experience.