



USCL Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

June 25, 2023

Zoom Link: 177-417-886 Passcode: 601744

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Board Members: Jeff Benoit – Yes, Jane Cloos – Yes, Jill Dening - Yes, Sharon Ketchum (non-voting) – Yes, Teresa Mulford – Yes, Lucille Olson – Yes, Chrissie Shearer Yes

Leadership Team: Jerry Podany - Yes (Facility Grounds Team), Jeff Benoit – Yes (Admin Team), Nanette Podany - Absent & Chris McEnhill - Absent (Kitchen), Sue Winkelstern- Absent (Design), Jeff English - Absent (Celebration), Doug Eagle & Danielle McMahan – Absent (SAGE), Maggie Bishop - Absent & Lisa Haston- Absent (OSAT)

Call to Order: 11:47 am

Chrissie Shearer

Opening Prayer

Rev. Sharon

Mission Statement

Our Vision: A world powerfully transformed through the shared spiritual awakening of all humanity.

Our Mission Advancing the Unity movement that calls us to awaken to our oneness with God, each other, and all creation.

Approval of Amended Minutes Dated May 28, 2023

Motion by Lucille Olson to Approve the Minutes

Seconded by Jane Cloos

Approved by All Board Members Present

Consent Agenda

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| I. | Outreach Social Team | Report, Board Action | Maggie Bishop & Lisa Haston |
| II. | SAGE Team | Report, No Board Action | Doug Eagle & Danielle McMahan |
| III. | Celebration Team | No Report | Jeff English |

IV.	Hospitality Team	Report, No Board Action	Nan Podany
V.	Administration Team	Report, No Board Action	Jeff Benoit
VI.	Facility Grounds Team	Report ,No Board Action	Jerry Podany
VII.	Design Team	Report, Board Action	Sue Winkelstern
VIII.	Youth and Family Team		<i>Inactive at this time</i>
IX.	Nominating Team	No Report	Lucille Olson
X.	Inclusion/Diversity Team		Teresa Mulford

New Business

- Design Team – “Continue to Envision two beautiful welcoming benches for the front door. Envision 20 new round tables on casters for the sanctuary (that do not necessarily need tablecloths.)” – ***Brief discussion and the Board of Trustees will also envision new benches and 20 new round tables.***
- Chris Janson stepped down from social team and that included euchre. Our Sunday Euchre needs some reorganizing. Last month, Lisa/Maggie got it started but they didn't know door prizes were expected. With the Friday night Euchre, Sunday Euchre could be reviewed. – ***Board discussion that the purpose of the Euchre/Game Sunday is to be self-organizing, so perhaps the participants can bring a “white elephant” to be given as prizes. One consideration is that although the Friday Night Euchre is open to new attendees, there is a \$10 entry fee. Sharon agreed to follow up with Lisa and Maggie.***
- New - our Lodge air conditioner is broken beyond repair. We have had two quotes (attached) and a 3rd company is coming Monday. It would be helpful if the board could approve a path forward so we can get our HVAC working again.

Situation: Lodge Air Conditioner is broken. Blower fan on furnace is failing. 2010 Furnace has not been maintained prior to us.

a. John E Green recommended a heat pump to replace AC and furnace and some duct work. \$29,500

b. Comfort First quoted on AC, Furnace, Blower, Humidifier - \$13,841.81

c. Horn Heating coming on Monday to quote

Necessary: new Air Condition – approximately \$6500

Recommended options:

- new Blower fan and new air conditioner – approximately \$7100
- add humidifier to furnace – approximately \$800
- Advisable: Replace entire system: Furnace, AC, Blower + humidifier \$14,000 to \$30,000
- Quote documents reviewed by the Board with various scenarios discussed.

Motion by Jeff Benoit to approve up to \$16,000 from the Renovation Fund to replace the Lodge AC/Furnace/Humidifier and Jerry Podany will research to see if there are any rebates available.

Seconded by Jill Dening

Approved by All Board Members Present

Team Business Complete – Team Leaders in attendance may leave.

New Business - Board Only Items

- Decision on Releasing Restaurant Equipment in basement: Some pieces need repair Sell them? Give them away. Consider asking the Fledge if they are interested in anything. Maybe Dan could help? We are not using them and are unlikely to ever use them.

Motion by Jeff Benoit to allow for the Release of the Restaurant Equipment in the basement.

Seconded by Lucille Olson

Approved by All Board Members Present

- Prepare for the July 9, 2023, Townhall Meeting
 1. Review the current financials.
 2. Mention the Lodge AC/Furnace/Humidifier Replacement
 3. Mention the Memorial Benches and Trees
 4. Review Sanctuary Wish List – Blinds and Round Tables

Old Business

- Brief discussion regarding Rev. Sharon’s employment contract renewal.

Approval of Membership (New & Renewal)

No Approval Required

Minister’s Report

Rev. Sharon

Treasurer’s Report

Jane Cloos

Motion by Lucille Olson to Accept the Treasurer’s Report.

Seconded by Teresa Mulford

Approved by All Board Members Present

Blessing of the Tithes for March

Rev. Sharon

Outgoing to Unity Worldwide Ministries, Silent Unity, Great Lakes Region of Unity Churches, & Congregant’s Choice

Other Business

- Jeff mentioned that we have posted our facility rental on PeerSpace (www.peerspace.com). There was a brief discussion about how we will address rental by a non-Sunday congregation and Sharon explained that if/when that happens she would meet with them to make sure that their beliefs align with Unity’s.

Announcements

- *Next Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for Sunday July 9, 2023*
- *Next USCL Board Meeting – Tentatively July 23, 2023*

Check- Out
Closing Prayer
Meeting Adjourned at 1:20 pm

Respectfully submitted by Jill Dening, Secretary