



USCL Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2024

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) –No, Teresa Mulford – Yes, Lucille Olson – Yes, Chrissie Shearer – Yes

Leadership Team: Jerry Podany - No (Facility Grounds Team), Jeff Benoit – Yes (Admin Team), Nanette Podany - No & Chris McEnhill - No (Kitchen), Sue Winkelstern- No (Design), Jeff English - No (Celebration), Doug Eagle – No & Danielle McMahon – No (SAGE), Maggie Bishop – No, Lisa Haston- No (OSAT), Kathy Assiff– No (Diversity & Inclusion), Greg Dening – No (Tech Team)

Call to Order: 12:03 pm

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.

Introductions (Check-ins)

Election of USCL Board of Trustees Officers – Brief discussion at the Annual Members Meeting to keep the current President – Chrissie Shearer, Vice President – Jeff Benoit, Treasurer – Jane Cloos, & Secretary – Jill Dening

Motion by Jeff Benoit to elect the 2024 USCL Board of Trustees Officers the same as last year.

Seconded by Teresa Mulford

Approved by All Board Members

Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Lucille Olson to approve the agenda as amended.

Seconded by Teresa Mulford

Approved by All Board Members Present

Approval of the February 25, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Chrissie Shearer to approve the minutes.

Seconded by Lucille Olson

Approved by All Board Members Present

Consent Agenda

I.	Outreach Social Team	No Report	Maggie Bishop & Lisa Haston
II.	SAGE Team	Report, Board Action	Doug Eagle
III.	Celebration Team	No Report	Jeff English
IV.	Hospitality Team	Report, No Board Action	Nan Podany
V.	Administration Team	No Report	Jeff Benoit
VI.	Facility Grounds Team	Report, No Board Action	Jerry Podany
VII.	Design Team	Report, No Board Action	Sue Winkelstern
VIII.	Youth and Family Team		<i>Currently Inactive</i>
IX.	Nominating Team	No Report	Maggie Bishop
X.	Inclusion/Diversity Team	No Report	Kathy Assiff
XI.	Tech Team	No Report	Greg Dening

New Business

- **SAGE Team** – The board discussed the SAGE team’s questions regarding building a fire pit as part of our Earth Day celebration to Honor the 3 Fires Council. The decision was reached that no formal Board approval is required. Rev. Sharon noted that Dan Maynard and Jessica are working on obtaining approval from the Delhi Fire Department and the required permit.

Team Business Complete – Team Leaders in attendance may leave.

New Business - Board Only Items

- **Approve Membership – Review and Recording Renewing Membership**

March 3 2024: Nancy Cody, Tom Cody, David Otis

- **Revisit policy passed in February 2024 Meeting Regarding Contract Workers - See Minister’s Report**

Motion by Jill Dening to amend the February motion that USCL will not reimburse for mileage for 1099 contractors to allow for mileage reimbursement for guest speakers/performers when applicable.

Seconded by Chrissie Shearer

Approved by All Board Members Present

- **Tithing of Our Building-** Board discussion regarding how to determine non-profit organization eligibility parameters. Jeff and Sharon will meet and talk through details pertaining to the booking process.
- **Sunday Service Welcome** – Discussion regarding changing the Sunday service and a board member will begin the service with a welcome statement. This will begin on Sunday May 5, 2024 and start with Chrissie Shearer.

Old Business

Minister's Report

Rev. Sharon Ketchum

Treasurer's Report

Jane Cloos

Motion by Jill Dening to Accept the Treasurer's Report.

Seconded by Lucille Olson

Approved by All Board Members Present

Other Business

- **SAGE Event Form Disclaimer** – Board discussion about creating a disclaimer for SAGE event presenters noting that the viewpoints presented are not the same as Unity Spiritual Center of Lansing.
- **90th Anniversary of Unity in Lansing** – Rev. Sharon stated that she's provided Nan Podany and Chris McEnhill with some possible dates.

Announcements

- *USCL Board of Trustees Installation – Sunday April 28, 2024*
- *Bi-Annual Combined USCL Board of Trustees and Leadership Meeting – Sunday April 28, 2024*

Check- Out

Closing Prayer

Meeting Adjourned at 1:58 pm

Respectfully submitted by Jill Dening, Secretary