**Unity Worldwide Ministries-Great Lakes Region**

Minutes

August 25, 202112:30

The meeting of Great Lakes Unity Regional Board was called to order at 1:38 EDT by Ray Nelson.

Board Members Present:

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| Glenda Walden, Pres.(2023)Christina Garza, VP (2022)Carl Nawrot, Treasurer (2021)  Diane Stark, Secretary (2021)Ray Nelson, Conference Liaison (2022)   | Susan Liddell, LUT Rep (2022Wilma Taylor-Costen, YFM Liaison (2023)Greg Coles, Regional Rep.Cindy Yamamoto, Alternate |

 **Opening Prayer:** Greg led us in a centering prayer.

**Check-in:** What’s alive for you?Diane, Carl, Cindy, Susan, Greg. Christina, Ray, Wilma, and Glenda cleared the moment to be fully present.

**Vision / Mission / Values for the GLUR:**

Read by Ray.

**Vision:**   Awakening Oneness, we empower an evolving

        consciousness that spiritually transforms the world.

**Mission:**We serve, inspire and empower ministries, ministers,

                                credentialed leaders, and laity.

**Values:**  Committed, Empowering, Evolutionary, Integrity,

                                Collaborative, Love.

**Secretary Report:** Carl moved to accept, Susan seconded. Passed unanimously.

**Regional Rep Report:** Greg is very busy with responsibilities that come up, with the purpose of clarifying and upgrading the Unity work in all areas. He indicated that he would be putting interim ministers in a different category and allowing them to be more on their own.

**LUT Report:** Susan gave us the items she is working on to be ready for the LUT Luncheon and how she is preparing an LUT report for the Conference. Greg asked that our new LUT’s be named in the next newsletter and posted on facebook, to celebrate the new LUT’s in the region.

**YFM:** Wilma said that she is in communication with Chase and Tyler, and Chase is planning a full report for the Conference. Tyler will provide a report but she will not be there, as she is getting ready to lead a Unitreat the following weekend.

**Conference Team Report:** Ray is preparing the welcome pack and needs a welcome letter, maybe a first time orientation handout. He is collecting the items for inclusion such as the financial report, and reports from consultants and liaisons. Also scholarship applications and registrations for 2022 Conference. A camera is being sought and Glenda offered the use of hers. Carl got confirmation on the expense for changing the brochure of $25. The team will meet tomorrow and clarify how flexible is the count for the luncheon. It was suggested to change the name of the luncheon to “Lunch and Learn.” Ray reported that Illinois highly recommends that face coverings be worn at indoor activities. Nancy Verdasco has made it a request for everyone. It was reported by Deb Hill Davis to Ray that lunches would be boxed for the LUT luncheon and need to be ordered three weeks in advance.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Carl reported July as the highest month in love offerings so far this year. June reflects a variance because there was no regional event for youth. Diana Repko will continue to work with the newly hired Robin Volker through September so she can support her during the Conference. After that, Diana will no longer be in our employ.

**Old Business:**

* Tithing Policy for GLR – Carl suggested that we determine our tithe for the quarter and then set a policy with the newly elected board. Previously we had worked out those details in our FTF meeting annually. We agreed to follow that order, to decide the tithe with the new Board members after the election. Ray pointed out that there is nothing in the bylaws about tithing; it is all policy based.
* Update from the nominating committee – the amended candidate descriptions have been distributed.

**New Business**

* Conference Prep
	+ Who’s doing what/How can we help – who will run the first meeting? Ray, who will occupy VP in Brenda’s absence until a new president is chosen, and thereby will preside over the meeting until the new president is agreed upon.

* + Reports that are due this week – Already discussed.

Carl will bring masks and hand sanitizer to the Conference.

Carl moved that Robin’s salary be designated as manse allowance. Seconded by Glenda. Passed unanimously.

The Board will meet at the Conference on the day of the business meeting, immediately following the annual meeting, to designate officers. Zoom link needed for Wilma. Will be managed by Carl.

The new board will get together an hour after the close of the Conference. Ray will treat for lunch. A zoom link will be set up so Wilma can be present. Carl will manage getting this to Wilma.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:22 pm EDT

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Diane Stark, Secretary