**Unity Worldwide Ministries-Great Lakes Region**

Minutes

July 28, 2021

The meeting of Great Lakes Unity Regional Board was called to order at 1:36 EDT by Glenda Walden.

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)  | Wilma Taylor-Costen, YFM Liaison (2023)Susan Liddell, LUT Rep (2022) Cindy Yamamoto, AlternateGreg Coles, Regional Rep. |

 **Opening Prayer:**Cindy prayed us in with an opening moment of divine connection.

**Check-in:** What’s alive for you?Diane, Ray, Carl, Susan, Cindy, Christina, Greg, Wilma, and Glenda shared their most current engagements.

**Vision / Mission / Values for the GLUR:** Diane gave the reading of our vision, mission, and values statements.

**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:** Raymoved to accept, Wilma seconded, passed unanimously.

**Regional Rep Report:** Greg is scheduling trainings for the upcoming months, with much to share for the growth of the region. Many imponderables are being held in prayer, to hold the space for divine unfolding developments. He was able to provide community support for Sharon Ketchum and the tragic events that befell her.

**YFM:** Wilma informed us that Chaseis planning trainings on line for students, volunteers, andleaders, and is interested in including social justice in the youth ministry. Tyler had a wings ceremony in the preceding week. Wilma is still in the preliminary stages of a conference with Chase and Tyler.

**Conference Team Report:** Ray reported that the music presenters are not available for the conference. So Ray is looking to see if the Naperville music director might help to fill that need. Ray will report changes when they are verified.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Carl shared that our income was down a little, attributed to the delayed opening of the churches. Financial report is attached. Information systems are not ready to be repositioned.

**LUT Report:** Susan reported that the LUT Luncheon is presenting Greg Coles speaking on “Healthy Triangulation.” She encouraged us to be aware that all are welcome. For those who attend on line, special arrangements will be made for pricing. A fee of $15 will be charged for attending. 1 CEU will be available.

**Old Business:**

* Update on new bookkeeper- Robin Volker. She is beginning training on Monday.

**New Business**

* Greg Coles asked us to comment on the reports from the Standards Team meetings and Regional Advisory Council meetings. The quest is to explore how UWM works with member ministries. He reviewed the questions in a presentation, which is attached.
* Susan moved that we provide a complimentary ticket to Nancy Burdasco for $85 to cover the LUT Luncheon and the Banquet. Glenda seconded. Passed unanimously.
* A discussion followed to make sure that our tithing reflects our policy to tithe to UUMS, along with UWM, UWSI, UWH. Carl will send the policy to all of us.

Ray prayed us out with a moment of gratitude and pause of connection.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:37 p.m. EST.

Next meeting is August 25th, 2021, 1:30 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Diane Stark, Secretary