

2023 GLR Business Meeting

September 26, 2023

Lake Geneva WI

9:30 am

Board Members Present

President Cindy Yamamoto

VP Wilma Taylor Costen (outgoing)

Treasurer Carl Nawrot (outgoing)

Secretary Michael E Davis

Kathy Harwood-Long

Aubree-Lynn Maugeri (resigned)

Susan Liddell, LUT Liaison

Greg Coles Ministry Consultant

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.

CORE VALUES

Committed/ Empowering/ Evolutionary/ Integrity/Collaborative/ Love

Opening prayer Rev. Deb Hill-Davis

Called to order 9:31 am Pres. Cindy Yamamoto

The Board was introduced and received a Unity Blessing.

Intro of our beloved staff. Greg Coles, consultant and Cindi Cousineau, our web and office administrator, Cassidy Meeks. Youth and Fam. Ministry coordinator.

We recognized New Members - Welcome.

Acknowledgement of the conference team. Thank you for your wonderful work.

Roll Call of Members – All present are members and able to vote. 39 voting members 26 is 2/3 (required for Majority)

Reading of bylaws (changes) Rev. Greg Coles

Bylaws team: Cindi Cousineau, Deb Hill-Davis Sharon Ketchum, John McMann, Ric Shumaker, Cindy Yamamoto

Greg opened the invitation to read or answer questions. There were none.

Rev. Toni Fish suggested we put forth the motion to accept.

Debra Williams moved We accept the proposed bylaw changes as approved by the board.

James Stacey 2nd.

Discussion. No discussion.

Motion approved.

Thanks to the bylaws team for all the work leading into this meeting for making this a smooth change.

Introduction of Nominating Team:

Daryn. Wells -Nominating Team Chair

Rev. Wilma Taylor Coston, LUT Janet Griffith, Rev. Greg Coles, Rev. Pat Williamson, and Rev. Sharon Ketchum.

There were two open positions to fill. The team was only able to get 1 candidate and that was Ric Shumaker. Nominations were taken from the floor. Nancy Berdasco was nominated and accepted.

Since we had to have qualified candidates to fill two positions, Greg Coles moved to vote to accept the ballot. Susan Liddell 2nd. Vote passed unanimously.

The board is still looking for a volunteer to fill the remaining 2-year opening.

President's report supplied in the packet. Special recognition to Carl Nawrot for his time and service as Treasurer on the board. Much gratitude, Carl.

Treasure Report- Carl Nawrot

In his report Carl invited us to celebrate our abundance.

May we celebrate the good that is in every day.

Discussion: question about increase in spending. Increase in software and tools.

Greg Coles - GLR Ministry Consultant.

Greg shared that calls are down, which is a good thing. He also shared with us all the programs he can do with our ministries. We are blessed to have such a wonderful leader as Greg.

Cassidy Meeks – Youth and Family Coordinator

Cassidy shared that there is growth momentum in our region. She shared with us her role as Youth and Family Coordinator. Big news! Retreats are happening in our region. Not all regions have brought back their youth programs. The Spring retreat was the 1st one in four years. Question raised about supporting our Trans Youth. Yes, we are!!! Gender neutral cabins available at camp etc.

Susan Liddell. LUT Liasson

Susan acknowledged the new LUT's, returning LUT's and people who are on the LUT path in our region.

Cindy Yamamoto – Board President

Cindy announced that trees were planted through the Arbor Day Foundation in honor those who have served their time and are stepping off the Board, Rev. Anita Graham, Rev. Aubree-Lynn, Rev. Wilma Taylor-Costen, and Carl Nawroot.

Meeting adjourned at 11:24 am.

Closing Prayer – Rev. Deb Hill-Davis

Following the business meeting the new board met and elected officers.

President Cindy Yamamoto

Vice President/ Youth and Family Liaison Kathy Harwood-Long

Treasurer Ric Shumaker

Secretary Michael Everett Davis

Conference Committee Liaison Nancy Berdasco

Susan Liddell LUT Liaison

Alternate Mary Thurman

2-year position still vacant.

Respectfully submitted.

Michael Everett Davis

Secretary