

Great Lakes Unity Regional Board
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 15, 2017, 11:30 p.m. CT; 12:30ET

Opening –

The meeting of Great Lakes Unity Regional Board was called to order at 12:40 p.m. eastern time on November 15, 2017 via zoom video-conferencing by Ray Nelson, president.

Board Members Present:

Kurt Condra, vice president Glenda Walden, secretary Carl Nawrot, Treasurer Meghan Smith Brooks, member at large Tom Sylvester, LUT Rep.	John McMahon, UWM Board liaison Vareta Foster, Alternate Not Present: Deb Hill Davis, member at large Ray Nelson, president
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Opening Prayer: Carl Nawrot offered our opening prayer.

Check-in: Board members were asked to share a prayer concern and an appreciation.

Vision / Mission / Values for the GLUR: Members of the board recited together the Vision/Mission/Values of the region.

Vision: “Awakening Oneness, we empower an evolving consciousness that spiritually transforms the world.”

Mission: We serve, build, inspire and empower ministries

Values: Committed, Empowering, Evolutionary, Integrity, Collaborative, Love

Reports:

- Secretary’s Report- Meghan Smith Brooks made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Carl Nawrot made a 2nd to the motion. Motion carried.
- YFM Liaison Report
- Regional Representative Report-
- Treasurer’s Report- Carl Nawrot reported that he has been talking to Diana Repko daily and is still working out access issues with dropbox and Chase Bank. There were no current financials available.
- Conference Team Report- Deb hill Davis reported that they have met twice and would like to recruit a few more volunteers to serve on the various teams. She reported that they are looking for people who would do both the music and speaking with a particular interest in Jan Stanfield and Michael Gott. The team is new and getting to know each other, but moving forward.

Old Business:

- **Drop Box-** John McMahon reported that he talked with Diana Vanzera about our dropbox issues. She suggested that we cull old files and save them to a flashdrive to create more space. She also suggested that there are different levels of paid services for dropbox that are more reasonable. He also investigated icloud and another type of program, but the cost of both of those is similar or more than paid dropbox. In our discussion TechSoup was suggested and John McMahon volunteered to talk to with them about their cloud storage. www.techsoup.org/

- **Data Base update-** Several members made calls, but did not receive word back from many of them. Tom Sylvester reported that two of his four submitted their membership forms. Ray Nelson encouraged us to continue to reach out to our contacts until we reach someone.
 - Ray Nelson suggested that we flag individuals as they register at conference so that they can complete the membership form then.

New Business

Affiliated UWM membership- Ray Nelson presented information he had gained from a discussion with Bruce Verkruyse at UWM.

- Discussion of pros and cons-
 - Pros include staff being able to participate in the retirement benefits. We would also be able to receive supportive resources from them to include conflict resolution, board training, financial direction, etc.
 - Cons: The UWM board would have the right to place a member of their board on our board. The other con is fear of membership being “overtaken” by UWM.
 - John McMahon identified three sections of our GLUR bylaws that would give us the authority to decide to become an affiliated member.
 - Ray Nelson suggested that we take it into prayerful consideration. Ray Nelson made a motion that we table this decision until next month. Motion was seconded by Deb Hill-Davis. Motion carried. Options are: Reject the proposal, Take the proposal to the conference body in October, or By the authority of the GLUR Board make the decision. It was suggested that we also consider having an online open forum for the membership to voice their opinions/vote of confidence.

Action Items:

- John McMahon volunteered to talk with TechSoup about their cloud storage
- Kurt Condra to investigate the cost and terms of standard dropbox storage
- Everyone continue to reach out to the ministries assigned to update data base
- Everyone consider the affiliate with UWM
- Everyone check out www.techsoup.org/

Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 2:01 ET by Ray Nelson, president. Motion to adjourn was made by Deb Hill Davis and seconded by Carl Nawrot
- Next Board Meeting December 20 12:30CT/1:30ET

Minutes submitted by: Glenda P Walden, Secretary

Approved by: