

UWM Great Lakes Region Board of Trustees Minutes

February 1, 2017, 2:30pm EST / 1:30pm CST

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Rev Ted Schneider, President 2019 (2nd term)

Rev Kurt Condra, VP & Communication Liaison, 2018 (1st term)

Rev Sandra McKinney, Secretary, 2019 (2nd term)

Rev Josette Jackson, Treasurer, 2018 (1st term)

Rev Vareta Foster, Trustee & YFM Liaison, 2017 (1st term) (Left meeting 3:20pm CST)

Rev Glenda Walden, Trustee & Conference Planning Liaison, 2017 (1st term) Appt

Tom Sylvester, LUT Regional Representative, 2019 (1st term)

Rev Ray Nelson, Alternate Appt 9/2016 Post nference

John McMahon, UWM Board Liaison, 1st term (Excused)

Opening Prayer - Check-in: Something for which I am grateful or excited about GLURC is...

Setting Intention: I set the intention for happiness, peace and success for our meeting.

Vision / Mission / Values: Read by Kurt

Awakening Oneness, we empower an evolving consciousness that spiritually transforms the world. We serve, build, inspire and empower ministries. Our core values are: committed, empowering, evolutionary, integrity, collaborative, and love.

Kurt reviewed Action Items.

Consent Agenda

Minutes (sent February 1, 2017. Minutes approved. Included in dropbox

Treasurer's Report

Josette reported the following manse allowance for the minutes. Lisa Chase \$10,800, James Parker \$9,000 and Diana Repko \$18,000.

Treasurer's report sent January 31, 2017 included in drop box. Josette reviewed financials through the end of December. She identified Finance Team members in her report and suggested Board members send thank you notes to those serving in this role. (See Treasurer's Report in Dropbox for name & contact information.) A discussion regarding the year end letter which has not yet went out with a recommendation to send a New Year "ask" letter with a general request to address a decrease in giving for 2016 over budgeted numbers. Ray offered to draft a letter and will share with Board for input prior to sending.

The Regional Rep position was discussed. (See separate President report attached to agenda in dropbox). With the resignation of Marty Newman in this role, James Parker JR has assumed he would move into this position, which has been a procedure followed in the past. Skills Training (perhaps not required for the JR role) and all other regions have that as a requirement. Following discussion it was felt we need to: 1) Need to determine if we need the position and how it works. 2) Know if/how UWM is setting guidelines this year for requirements needed and if so we need policy and procedures. Kurt asked for clarity for the role; to know what the RR had been doing and to help be our voice on the Standards Committee to put someone in that position. Ted made motion that James be moved into the RR position of Interim for one year; 2nd by Josette. A voice vote was taken; Vote 4 Ayes/ 2 Nay's. Ted will follow-up with James regarding his training qualifications. Ted makes a motion that the JR be eliminated as a paid position. Josette; 2nd. Discussion clarified the role. Motion carried.

Conference Planning Team Update – Keynote & musician identified; on website & FB. Theme to be decided. Contracts have been sent out.

May Face-to-Face preparation. Josette suggested it being done via Zoom to aid in expense/costs. Please consider this idea with input for the next meeting.

Rev. Argentina Glasgow a leader in the Unity movement made her transition recently. We voted to send flowers (Josette) and Ted will send a card from the Board.

Motion to adjourn by Glenda; Josette 2nd. Meeting ended 3:45pm CST. Prayer by Tom.

Next Meeting: February 15, 2:30 pm EST, 1:30pm CST Submitted; Sandra McKinney Secretary

February 15, 2017 – Due to how close this meeting is being held to the meeting held on 2/1/17, these minutes are a continuation of those minutes using the agenda provided for the 2/1/17 meeting. All present. Ray needed to leave the meeting at 3:10pm (CST)

Vareta opened with prayer; intention statement was read together. The minutes from the 2/1/17 were approved with a request to delete some of the detailed remarks regarding the RR & JR positions. Josette reported 4th Quarter tithe reports are ready to post to the website. A draft request for additional tithes is ready for review and the flowers were sent for Rev Glasgow's funeral.

Treasurer's report included recommendations by the Finance Team for approval. A tax exempt # is being provided for the hotel which will reduce the 2016 lodging bill already paid. Josette reported that we had received a grant and asking if the Board felt those dollars (while dedicated to something specific) should be included in the dollar number we tithe. Discussion followed. Motion made by Josette to tithe on the grant \$'s; 2nd by Ted. Voice vote: 5 Ayes / 1 Nay / 1 Abstained. Service tithes were explained by Ted, when questioned, that an employee providing service and the value of that service is considered in our tithing reports. Motion by Josette; 2nd by Glenda to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Follow-up discussion on the RR position will report to the President with James in that role for one year.

Conference planning update with a conference call on 2/16 scheduled. All plans on target. Discussion once again about relocating Conference, with yet another survey discussed. 3 years ago survey resulted in 70% in favor of remaining in Indiana. Some changes are being made in the schedule with Tom requesting the LUT luncheon be held on Wednesday.

Vareta reported for YFM (see written report). Ted reported Tyler & Lisa are working well together and have developed prayer teams. Thank you to Vareta for the work she does for YFM.

Discussion for Face-to-Face; in person or on computer. A suggestion to explore housing (with airbnb) to reduce the costs. Also for members to explore costs of rental car vs collecting mileage. Kurt and Sandra will explore housing options before next meeting and will process via email with members. During Face-to-Face John will be at regional meetings for UWM.

Ted has received a request for GLR to work together with UWM on an Earth Care Team for the region with individual churches signing a covenant. Discussion followed with noting the possibility of having this represented at Conference.

Discussion continued on diversity statement for GLR. Ideas presented: 1) Letters to support LBGTQ; clergy support, living diversity, how to take a stand, social consciousness issues, legislation (bathroom bill). John reported that the Unity Convention will be held in Texas (for the first time) and that UWM proposes sending a letter if that legislation passes in Texas regarding future possibility for booking there.

Additional discussion for RR to attend Board meetings and details for duties/salary and trainings required to be discussed at our next meeting on 3/15/17.

Closing prayer by Ted.

Motion for meeting to adjourn by Josette; 2nd Vareta at 3:35pm (CST).

Next meeting Wednesday, March 15, 2017 1:30pm CDT/2:30pm EDT.

Submitted by Sandra McKinney, Secretary