

Great Lakes Unity Regional Board
Meeting Minutes
Wed., August 16, 2017, 2:30 p.m., Eastern, 1:30 p.m. Central

Opening –

The meeting of Great Lakes Unity Regional Board was called to order at 2:30 p.m. eastern time on August 16, 2017 via zoom video-conferencing by Ray Nelson, president.

Board Members Present:

Ray Nelson, president Kurt Condra, vice president Glenda Walden, secretary Deb Hill Davis, member at large	Tom Sylvester, LUT Rep. John McMahon, UWM Board liaison Vareta Foster was not present
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Opening Prayer:

Check-in: Ray Nelson posed this question for check in: “What, if anything, would keep you from being fully present for the meeting?”

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:

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

Reports:

- YFM Liaison Report- The annual reports is completed and is posted in dropbox and on website
- Regional Representative Report- James Parker is busy completing his annual report and this will be submitted to be posted in dropbox and on website.
- Treasurer’s Report- Ray Nelson noted that financially a portion of our shortfall is in YM due to low attendance at YM events. John McMahon reported that our tithing is down and travel and meal expenses are increased. Motion to approve report introduced by Deb Hill Davis. 2nd by Kurt Condra. Motion carried.
- Secretary’s Report
 - **July 19- Will need to approve at next meeting**

New Business:

1. Meeting Day-Deb Hill Davis may often have conflicts on Wednesday’s. Discussion concerning shifting the day. Glenda Walden agreed to send out survey monkey to assess our availability.
2. Board Training discussion
 - a. Cynthia Vermillion Foster has said she could facilitate.
- How long and when- Considered ½ day on Monday and ½ day Thursday. After discussion of the lack of time and pressure to squeeze this in during conference, it was agreed that we postpone the training. Motion introduced Ray Nelson made a decision that we hold board training during our Face-to-Face retreat. Glenda Walden made the 2nd. Discussion included asking Cynthia to meet with us on Thursday afternoon to help us develop learning plan. Motion to hold board training at our Annual retreat introduced by Ray Nelson. 2nd by Kurt Condra. Motion carried.

3. Board Application for open Treasurer position. Board discussed qualifications of each of the two candidates. Motion introduced to appoint Carl Nawrot to the board position expiring in 2018 by Kurt Condra. 2nd by Ray Nelson. Motion carried. Motion introduced to elect Carl Nawrot as our treasurer made by Ray Nelson, 2nd made by Deb Hill Davis. Motion carried.
4. 2nd Quarter tithes
 - a. Discussion and decision on where and percentage- Ray Nelson explained the previous board's decisions to use operating expenses as a service tithe. The Board agreed to have a deeper discussion about service tithing at a later date. Motion introduced by Ray Nelson to allocate our third quarter tithes as \$200 Jay Kendall Johnson and \$1000 each to UWM, Silent Unity, USI. 2nd motion by Kurt Condra. Motion carried.
5. Discussion about delegates to conference
 - a. John McMahon reported that it is UWM policy that any appointed representative by a Unity church may attend the business meeting without paying the conference fee.
 - b. John McMahon reported that he has a couple from their church and both would like to represent the church at the business meeting.
 - c. Glenda Walden reported that in the past anyone who wants to attend the GLURC business meeting has been allowed to. We do not do anything formally to track who is a "voting member."
6. Preparations for conference- Ray Nelson reminded everyone that we will have a breakout session and a table to answer questions and take concerns so that participants have plenty of opportunity to interact with us.
 - a. Duties- Ray Nelson noted that our next meeting will focus on conference duties.
 - b. Monday meeting- No one has any idea what the previous conference schedule for the board was. Kurt Condra and Ray Nelson will meet together between calls.
 - c. Board table sign up- **Tabled until next meeting.**
7. Board break-out session- **Tabled until next meeting**
 - a. Who to attend
 - b. format

Old Business

- Re-visit scholarship discussion- Tom Sylvester requested that the board take another look at providing scholarship funds for LUT's to attend the leadership intensives at Unity Village. He noted that his predecessor informed him that there previously had been a scholarship fund. Ray noted that there is a policy that outlines how to apply for an annual scholarship, but that this line item has been unfunded. Tom Sylvester volunteered to head up a team to create clarity around how the policy is implemented and the process for applying.
- Review of Pending Action Items:
 - Glenda to complete Chase Bank authorizations by Friday and will text Ray & Kurt once completed. **Completed**
 - Executive Team will inform paid staff of Aug. 1 deadline for GLUR Conference report- **Completed**
 - Conference Reports are to be submitted to Cindi Cousineau- All Board members identified (LUT, Communications, Conference Team, Finance Team) for reports committed to complete reports by Aug. 1 deadline. YM staff have submitted their reports. James is working on his. **All other reports are still pending.**

- Ray to review past minutes to see if there was a motion considering Communication on background checks when hiring. – There was no motion found. Kurt Condra introduced a motion to remove this item from our action items. Deb Hill Davis made the 2nd. Motion passed.

Action Items:

- Glenda to forward questions from conference to Ray
- Glenda to create agenda draft from past minutes and send on to Ray and board for additions.
- LUT, Communications, Conference Team, Finance Team will have reports submitted by Sept. 1
- Tom Sylvester volunteered to head up a team to create clarity around how the policy is implemented and the process for applying.
- Glenda Walden will contact Joanne Rowden to assist with setting up a survey for availability for meetings.
- Kurt Condra and Ray Nelson will talk together before next meeting to discuss what the conference schedule for the board will be.

Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 4:10p.m. by Ray Nelson, president. Glenda made a motion to adjourn, Ray Nelson 2nd. Motion carried.
- Next Board Meeting **September 20, 2017 2:30 ET; 1:30CT**
- Closing prayer

Minutes submitted by: Glenda P Walden, Secretary

Approved by: