**Unity Worldwide Ministries-Great Lakes Region**

Minutes

February 28, 2024 1:30 CST

Board Members/Terms

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| Cindy Yamamoto, President and Communications Liaison (2024)  Kathy Harwood Long, Vice President and YFM Liaison,  (2025)  Ric Schumacher, Treasurer (2026)  Michael Everett Davis, Secretary (2024) | Nancy Berdasco, Conference Team Liaison (2026)  Ray Nelson (2025) Excused  Susan Liddell, LUT Rep. (2025)  Marty Thurman, Alternate (2024)  Sue Riley, UWM Liaison |

**Call to Order 2:29**

**Opening Prayer:** Marty Thurman

**Check-in:** What do you want to share that would allow you to become fully present?

**Vision/Mission/ Values for the GLUR:** ALL

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| **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 |
| **Approval of Agenda**  Added Ric’s term to new business  Nancy Moved as amended Cindy 2nd | All | |
| **Approval of Minutes**  Kathy moved to approve Susan 2nd | All | |
| **Treasurer’s Report**  Cindy and Ric will talk offline on the $15 service fee.  Ric update: State of Illinois question. Looking for W2 to file report.  Rev. Pat Williamson will serve on finance committee. | Ric Schumacher | |
| **Regional Consultant Report** | Cindy Yamamoto | |
| **UWM Report**  Some restructuring due to health issues of two board members.  Nice discussion about the video about Unity history that came out recently. | Sue Riley | |
| **LUT Report**  Had about 17-18 people in the last LUT call. Lots of LUT’s in leadership roles. Susan said there were some new folks included in the call. Great call! | Susan Liddell | |
| **YFM Report**  Cindy asked about the meeting that was yesterday. Kathy said there are usually about 7-8 each call and was not on the last call.  Question was raised if someone can donate funds to support YFM scholarships.  Sue R. suggested making a donate button on the website for youth scholarships.  Great conversation on the importance and impact of this program. | Kathy Harwood Long | |
| **Conference Team Report**  Darryn Wells will be the team lead. Yay!!!  Team needs to decide on type of conference in person, hybrid, bioneer.  Good discussion on do we are don’t we have a conference and an in-person board retreat. | Nancy Berdasco | |
| **Communications Report**  Nothing to report.  Cindi is doing a great job. | Cindy Yamamoto | |
| **Regional Advisory Committee**  Diane V. would like to address the board on a program about developing a youth program. | Cindy Yamamoto | |
| **Earth Care Report**  Discussion on giving to UWM Earth Care Team is there a budget line? Sue R. will bring this question to the UWM Board. | Kathy Harwood-Long | |

**Unfinished Business:**

* Still need a nominating team liaison

Need by Spring or Summer

* Conference model – Awaiting response from Daryn Wells as to whether he will chair the team. **Daryn will be the team lead**.
* Banking updates
  + Two IDs/merge. Cindy and Ric will take care of this.
* Update policy manual to add:
  + When all board applications must be submitted
  + When all voting members including lay delegates must be submitted

Cindy will contact some folks to serve on the policy team.

* + bylaws changes Nancy and Cindy Ask Toni Fish
* Recruit policy and bylaw review teams to begin in 2024

Bylaws: Cindy, Nancy. Cindy will contact some folks to serve.

* Board responsibilities

Cindy asked us to review our responsibilities.

**New Business:**

* Submit receipt for postage reimbursement.

Ric will cut a check and send to Cindy.

* Convention Sponsorship Opportunities

Funding bussing ($4500) Kids Camp $2000). International registration ($1000) Juneteenth ($1000).

Michael moved to donate $1000 to UWM for Convention Sponsorship to support the Juneteenth celebration Nancy 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

* (15 minutes) Vision Session insights and next steps

We are all to review the SCR model before we will meet again in two weeks. Cindy will send out a doodle pole to schedule that meeting.

* + Review South-Central Region model

Kathy showed us the South-Central Region model.

Would like to have the ways GLR supports the region on the website. Susan asks can we state on the Facebook and website where to find out who to contact at UWM.

* Scholarship policy updates
* Ric’s term on the board.

As a retired minister, and membership rules from UWM, Ric chose to remove himself as a member is not a member of UWM. Out of integrity Ric needs to be replaced. Ray is considering stepping into the role of treasurer. Ric has done a lot of work creating documents to help the transition to new treasurer an easy process.

Sue R, did inform us that the membership model pertaining to retired ministers is being revised.

Ric will be still serving as a member of the finance team.

We will talk to Ray about serving as Treasurer. We will be making an announcement that we are looking for another board member.

Cindy and Kathy will work offline to create an announcement.

**Next Meeting Date:** Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at 1:30 CST

**Closing Prayer**

**Adjournment: 4:52pm.**