**Unity Worldwide Ministries-Great Lakes Region**

Minutes

February 24, 2021 1:30 pm EDT

The meeting of Great Lakes Unity Regional Board was called to order at 1:39 PM EDT by Christina.

Board Members Present:  Christina, Carl, Diane, Susan, and Cindy (alternate). Ray and Sandie arrived later.

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| Christina Garza, VP, Communications Liaison (2022)  Carl Nawrot, Treasurer (2021)  Diane Stark, Secretary (2021)  Ray Nelson, Conference Liaison (2022)  Susan Liddell, LUT Rep (2022) | Sandie Vanik, UWM Board Liaison)  Cindy Yamamoto, Alternate  Absent: Glenda Walden, Pres.(2023)  Wilma Taylor-Costen, YFM Liaison (2023)  Greg Coles, Regional Rep. |

**Opening Prayer:** Susan led us in prayer.

**Check-in:**  Carl, Cindy, Susan, Diane, and Christina shared their current engagements and activities.

**Vision / Mission / Values for the GLUR:** Read by Carl.

**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.

**Additions to Agenda:** Christina was contacted by Wilma to request approval to nominate Chase for the Distinguished Youth Service Award.

**Secretary's Report**: Motion to accept the minutes was made by Carl, seconded by Susan, passed unanimously.

**Regional Representative Report**: (see attached report)

**Unity Worldwide Ministries Board Liaison Report:** New implementations are going forward making structures more cohesive. Christina asked about an item in The Path about virtual services. Ray explained that a department is forming with Diane Venzera where virtual workshops are being designed.

**Licensed Unity Teacher Coordinator Report**: Susan has a zoom call March 14 coming up to chat with peers and talk about annual report. There is some inconsistency with receiving the reports after they are filed.

**Youth and Family Ministry Liaison Report**: No report.

**Treasurer's Report:** Carl asked if there were any questions; stated that we are in good shape. Detailed report is attached.

**Conference Liaison**: Ray said that the team was approaching presenting the contracts to the presenters. They are looking at other venues to make the location more centralized. Deb Hill Davis’ husband is researching this situation. Brochure is going to be developed next month. We are considering not printing them in hard copy since the Convention is virtual and they will not be needed to promote the Conference. A possible new direction is to postpone the credit classes in free time to after the Conference to allow time for personal connection and time to share. Susan proposed having the LUT luncheon available to people not at the conference. Ray will look into the logistics of that proposal. We also discussed having the CEU’s added to the Hoova options.

**Communications Coordinator**: Christina is planning to make available recent trainings post presentation, allowing for compensating the presenters.

Susan suggested putting the blogs on our personal facebook pages. This could bring more exposure to some very current writings.

**Old Business**

* **Virtual FTF-** April 12 or 19 were the poodle poll winners.

April 12 was chosen.

* + 2021 Agenda-
    - 10:00a Pray in/Check In
    - 10:15-11:45 Budget Presentation and Discussion
    - 11:45-12:30 Virtual Lunch
    - 12:30-2:00 Approval of Budget
    - 2:00-2:30 Virtual Break
    - 2:30-3:00 Presentation Regional Rep & UWM liaison
    - 3:00-3:30 Review of Menu of Services
    - 3:30-4:15 Best Practices
    - 4:15-4:30 Wrap Up
* Carl asked who should create the budget for the expenses of adult online education. Christina offered to work on this new project.
* **Migration of Finances & Accounting Software**

Carl stated that he is not positioned to change over from powerchurch to quickbooks and it may not be a good choice for us. We need to line up the management of our records for membership and payroll, and this will need more time. We have a system that works right now so we are going to let any revisions to our procedure be in a state of PAUSE.

**New Business**:

* Resignation of Bookkeeper – Carl informed us that Diana Repko has resigned. She is looking to train someone by June. We will look for someone to fill this position by posting it in our newsletter and social media.
* Resignation of Kathy Harwood Long as Alternate- Kathy is taking time to grieve the loss of her mother. She was appreciative of her time on the board and will continue to support the region as she is able. Please hold her in your prayers.
* LRDT- Pat Williamson and most of the team from 2020 have agreed to serve this year. If you have suggestions for the two positions that will be open, please let Ray or Pat know. Cindy, Carl, and Diane are eligible to run.
* Nomination for youth service award. Since we do not know the details of this award, Ray is going to talk with Wilma to see how we can proceed, keeping in mind the sensitivities inherent in the matter.

**Action Items:** Find job description for bookkeeper/accountant and begin recruiting. Christina will submit it to The Path.

* Blogs: Feb - March - Susan. April - Diane. May - Carl. June - Wilma. July - Christina. August - Cindy. Sept - Ray. **Due the 25th of the month.**

A closing blessing was given by Ray.

Meeting adjourned at 3: pm EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Stark, Secretary