**Unity Worldwide Ministries-Great Lakes Region**

Minutes

June 23, 2021

The meeting of Great Lakes Unity Regional Board was called to order at 1:35 EDT by Glenda Walden.

Board Members Present:

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

 **Opening Prayer:** Greg led us in a prayer to open the meeting.

**Check-in:** What’s alive for you?Diane, Carl, Ray, Greg, Cindy, Susan, Sandie, and Wilma shared their current engagements.

A Blessing Circle was led by Greg for Sandie’s service as Board Liaison.

**Vision / Mission / Values for the GLUR:** We skipped the reading of our vision, mission, and values statements.

**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.

**Secretary Report:** The minutes were amended to show a correct location for the 2022 conference. Carl moved and Wilma seconded to accept the minutes as amended. Motion carried.

**Regional Rep Report:** See Attached. Greg spoke of how the spring is a busy time and that a good regional meeting took place at the Convention. We have new posts on Facebook. The Standards team is moving forward on revisions to have communications to be more clarified.

**LUT Report:** Susan shared that the network of LUT’s had a zoom call and are successfully learning to ask each other for ideas and information about their leadership work. She is looking for an administrator for the facebook page to create more interest. Ray suggested that she put it into the newsletter.

**YFM:** Chase thanks us for prayers for her husband’s healing journey. She wants information on how our churches are re-opening and how it is playing out in youth education. Tyler reports that they are doing a ceremony of recognition of YOU officers. Wilma wants there to be a policy for designating love offerings from the income of youth of events. Carl would like there to be a discussion with Chase and Tyler and Wilma to develop a policy. Wilma and Carl will arrange such a meeting.

**Conference Team Report:** Ray reported that we are on track with the Conference preparations. Registration is open on the website; the brochures are ready. The team is working on the details now of the plans. We will present an award to Chase at Conference. Wilma chose this to take place at the dinner. For Tyler, the award will be with the kids at a rally. Cindy added that the team needs to reserve a block of rooms. She asked that we let her or Ray know as soon as we know if we are attending in person or virtually. Ric Beattie will do the memorial service. The MC is confirmed and is a surprise. Pandemic precautions are not yet decided.

**Treasurer’s Report:** See attached. The new accountant is in training. The last paragraph refers to the transition of quickbooks on line. He is working on a streamlined report for Conference and Is going to complete it in a few more weeks. Glenda reminded us that we have previously posted the detailed reports on the website rather than print them up for everyone. Ray pointed out that to have up to date financial reports without using paper, let them be sent through Whova. Carl said the reports would be current through August.

**Old Business:**

* Update on new bookkeeper: Carl relayed that our new bookkeeper is Gordon not Alyse. She withdrew. So we moved on to Gordon. He has been in training with Diana for the last week and a half. It will continue for several more days. He will be at Conference. Carl will have Gordon send Glenda a bio. We will publish a farewell to Diana. Or we could honor her at the Conference Business Meeting. Or both. To be determined.
* Discussion of platform for membership info: UWM uses Neon. They are willing to demonstrate it for us at our next Board meeting. Ray said that Neon is expensive. There may be better options, being that we are not a very complicated non-profit. Carl raised the question of “oneeach” technologies. Ray said that they have website templates. Glenda said that Gordon said their church doesn’t use any software to keep track of their membership. Glenda will contact the Neon services and see what they have to offer.

**New Business**

There was no new business.

Susan Liddell led us in a closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm EDT.

Next meeting is July 28th at 1:30 pm EDT

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Diane Stark, Secretary