# **Unity Worldwide Ministries-Great Lakes Region**

**Minutes**

August 19, 2020 1:30 pm EDT

1. The meeting of Great Lakes Unity Regional Board was called to order at 1:37 pm by vice president Ray Nelson.
2. Board Members Present:

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| 1. Glenda Walden, president (2020) 2. Ray Nelson, vice-president (2020) 3. Diane Stark, secretary (2022) 4. Carl Nawrot, treasurer (2022)   Eileen Stulak, Communications Liaison (2023) | Sandie Vanik, UWM Board Liaison  Susan Liddell, LUT Rep. (2023)  Greg Coles, Regional Rep.  Absent:  Christina Garza, Conference Liaison (2023) |

**Opening Prayer:** Greg Coles opened the meeting with prayer.

(Glenda arrived.)

**Vision / Mission / Values for the GLUR:**  Cindy Yamamoto read our vision, mission and core values.

**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.

**Check-in:** Carl, Ray, Greg, Cindy, Eileen, Diane, and Glenda shared their current doings and dreams.

**Reports:**

* Approval of Minutes: Ray moved and Carl seconded to approve the minutes. Passed unanimously.
* Regional Rep Report – Greg highlighted his report, saying that he enjoyed working on the standards team and on subcommittees of the team. He is also working on a new ministry assessment procedure subteam. See attached. He agreed to speak at Unity of Kitchener because of their exciting prospects. He declined the invitation to be a keynote for the Conference.

* Treasurer’s Report – Carl referred to the financial reports, attached, citing that love offerings are down, as are the member churches’ love offerings. We are still waiting for our accountant, Diana, to adjust the budget to the current conditions with the covid-19 pandemic. Refund request letters have been sent out.

Balance sheet is still strong because of salary adjustments and payroll protection loan/grant program.

* YFM – Chase is re-planning the programs for Youth and Family resources. The YOU has a monthly 1-hour online event. Attendance is at a level of 40-50. Activities are incurring no expenses. Cindi shared that at the close of the Conference, there will be two youths appearing at the YFM session. Glenda commented that she attended a summer camp with Jean-Marie Switzer (president of SCUCA) and suggested that Tyler might look at this model
* Conference Liaison – Cindi gave us an update on the plans for Conference. The time frame for UWM, UWSI, UWH, and UUS presentations and Q&A is forming. Contracts are being finalized – which will be addressed later in the agenda. Carl asked if Whova is set up to manage the comped fees for Board Members and retired ministers. Glenda related that it is being factored into the programming. Greg informed us that it is already up and running through the Great Lakes Unity Website.
* UWM report – Sandy related that The Path has all the information we need. She asked for any questions. No one had questions.

**Old Business**

* Status of Diana’s request for reimbursement for unemployment – tabled until more information is available.
* Update on GLR presenter contracts:

A special meeting was held of the executive team. The question of conference fees for our keynotes was discussed Ray stated that he thinks we should offer them the original amount. Carl stated that the financial impact of this arrangement is manageable. The Conference Team wishes to offer the presenters the original amount for the presentation. Ray moved that we pay the presenters and musicians their original fee. Carl seconded. Passed unanimously.

**New Business**

Glenda turned the meeting over to Ray due to technical difficulties.

* Communications Policy: Eileen explained the need for the policy to be set forth for everyone to be able to follow. The proposal is attached. We are going to review it this month and finalize our approval at the next monthly meeting.
* Blog Assignments; Eileen asked for volunteers to write BLOG:

September – Glenda

October – Ray

November –Carl

December – Diane

January – Cindy

* Regional WDP- Kurt Condra requested addresses of all ministries. Glenda stated that she had already reached out to him via email to provide the information. The team agreed to have the link to register on our website. Greg has it on our facebook page. Ray suggested that we put it into our September e-news. The deadline for submitting videos is August 28th.
* Cindy Y asked how the voting by secret ballot will be managed. The Conference Team will follow up on that.
* Greg asked if there would be a spot in the conference when the staff members would give reports for their year activities and recruiting volunteers for their teams. Ray responded that it is done in the Business Meeting.

Carl moved, seconded by Eileen to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 3:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Rev. Diane Stark, Secretary

Next meeting September 16, 1:30 pm EDT