**Unity Worldwide Ministries-Great Lakes Region**

Meeting Minutes

June 22, 2022 12:30 CST

Board Members/Terms

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| Cindy Yamamoto, President (2024)Ray Nelson, Vice President and Conference and Communications Liaison (2022) Carl Nawrot, Treasurer (2023)  Anita Graham (2024) | Wilma Taylor-Costen, By-Laws Team Liaison (2023)Kathy Harwood Long, YFM Liaison (2022)Susan Liddell, LUT Rep. (2022)Valerie Mansfield, (not present) UWM Rep. (2022)Greg Coles, Regional Rep.Lisa Herklotz, Alternate |

 **Call to Order at 12:32 pm Central**

**Opening Prayer - Kathy**

**Check-in:** How does your ministry benefit from your attendance at convention and conference?

**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 |

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| **Approval of Agenda** | All Motion to pass by Carl; Lisa seconded; motion carries to approve agenda |
| **Approval of Minutes** | AllCorrected title changing “Agenda” to “Meeting Minutes”; Carl moved; Wilma seconded; motion carries to accept minutes with title correction |
| **Treasurer’s Report (see report)** | Carl Nawrot* Need to get word out to region what the GLUR does and offers; inspire and instruct how to participate in online, recurring donations to region
* Carl is working on getting it set up on BREEZE site to move off of Tithe.ly
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| **Regional Rep Report (see report)** | Greg Coles |
| **UWM Report** | Valerie Mansfield (not present) |
| **LUT Report (see report)** | Susan Liddell* Regional LUTs will be meeting in July; keeping up connections
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| **YFM Report (see report)** | Kathy Harwood Long* Making progress in defining position as 1 or 2 person; job descriptions being worked on and will have rough draft in July, final ready for Sept conference; need more accountability in description;
* doing “Wings” ceremony with 10 youth; retreat is big emphasis
* Chase has questions:
1. would like us to consider to include CSL youth to fall retreat
2. is it ok to create flexible time schedule for ministers?
3. what to do about reserving space for YOU Spring Rally, Fall Retreat, etc.?
4. who does Chase train if churches are still rebuilding their staff?
* Ray/Greg mentioned that regional YFM sets these policies to present to board, board does not create the policies
* Wilma spoke to situation of starting from scratch with YFM at local Unity centers
* for upcoming retreats may consider different options than reserving space outside of Unity; Wilma emphasized the need to address the challenge of reaching the youth of today and reimagine how to re-create YFM
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| **Earth care Team Report** | Kathy Harwood Long* Continuing to share stories; will present at the GLURC
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| **Conference Team Report** | Ray Nelson* Contracts are out to speakers
* brochures a little behind due to COVID, will have by Friday
* Cindi will set up registration as soon as brochure is ready
* Todd will call hotel to get contract confirmed and discuss conference room setup, etc.
* Requested to add YFM to GLURC schedule; can’t change but can add a breakout during one of the breaks for YFM discussion or add a table for YFM to be available for conversations
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| **Communications Report** | Ray Nelson* Nothing to report
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| **By-Laws Team Report** | Wilma Taylor-Costen* Working on getting the updates together to present; will be ready for conference
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**Unfinished Business:**

* Bookkeeper Quick Books transitions update on Sheila Watts – Carl/Cindy
	+ Sheila has all access to systems now
	+ Waiting to get from Sheila a recommendation for payroll processing
	+ Sheila has addressed some system issues to be sent to Carl; but overall looking very good, going smoothly
* Plan 2023 face to face to include budget. May or June?
	+ Agreed to meet for luncheon after conference not to include budget
	+ Will not do face to face for budget meeting
	+ Will wait to schedule in September for spring 2023
* Ida Bowles Tech. Grant update– Ray
	+ Will arrange time with Carl to get some additional info; will be done before next meeting
* Google Suites or another system for storage and access to all of our reports, etc. – Susan re: Glenda, Greg re: Cindi C. Google Drive
	+ Susan reported that Glenda does not have info on this
	+ Greg talked to Cindi and she is on board with using Google Suites; will Cindi be able to check on additional options including having phone numbers for Chase, etc.? Kathy will send her an email with the list of options they would like to have
* Making a list of guest speakers available – Greg per Cindi C.
	+ Cindi very positive about possibilities; will work with Greg after convention to make this happen
* LRDT update/nominees – Lisa
	+ Daryn Wells is chairing the nominating committee
	+ We can have lay members as nominees
	+ Greg has a list of possible candidates
	+ The team will meet on Monday 6/27
	+ We are one of two regions who have EarthCare teams and could we consider giving “water” a voice; making environmental impact part of our daily business decisions?

**New Business:**

* Question from Wilma – who are we (GLUR) tithing to and is Urban School one of them?
	+ Greg says it should be in our policies
	+ Is it time to revisit the policy and who we tithe to?
	+ Carl will bring back info on past tithing
	+ Cindy will connect with Wilma for policy review; Greg and Lisa agreed to join them
* Conference updates, flier, and registration
	+ See notes above

**Other:**

* Newsletter - Anita has July (due July 25th)
* Cindy will do August
* Ray will do September
* Carl will do October

**Executive Session:**

**Review Action Items**

* Kathy to talk to Cindi re: Google Suite options desired for Chase (cc: Ray)
* Greg to work with Cindi on getting speakers listed on website after GLURC
* Ray will complete Ida Bowles Grant application by next meeting
* Cindy will connect with policy team to set meeting date

**Next Meeting Date:** Wednesday, 7/27/2022

**Closing Prayer – Greg Coles**

**Adjournment at 2:19 CST**

**Minutes submitted by Lisa Herklotz**