

Unity Worldwide Ministries-Great Lakes Region

Minutes

April 15, 2020 1:30 pm EST

The meeting of Great Lakes Unity Regional Board was called to order at 1:32 pm eastern standard time on April 15, 2020 by President Glenda Walden.

Board Members Present:

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

Opening Prayer: Greg opened the meeting with prayer.

Check-in – Glenda invited us to check in. Each one present shared their experiences in this unprecedented interim.

Vision / Mission / Values for the GLUR: Eileen 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.

Reports:

- Secretary: Carl moved and Ray seconded a motion to approve the minutes. Passed unanimously.
- Regional Rep Report – See attached. Greg shared the innovation of opening the weekly conference call with Toni Boehm to all ministers. Greg has created a new list of resources and shared it with other reps and consultants; many of these resources people may not be aware of. Greg described calling the ministries in transition, canceling training in Detroit. Plans for reschedule TBA. He is preparing to redo the Board Essentials training material. The list of resources is on the website and Christina asked that he send us the resource list.

- UWM Liaison Report – Sandie explained that the decision was difficult to make to cancel the convention. They are now looking at how to hold the annual business meeting. She feels a sense of loss to not be able to make public the new changes and strides that UWM is making. Ray related that ordination is being planned as virtual, using the home churches.
- YFM Liaison Report – See attached. Ray described the issues being considered in whether or not to cancel the YOU Rally. A firm decision has not been made yet. Glenda reminded us that a virtual conference is something that the YOU'ers are very comfortable with and other regions are doing it.
- Conference Team Report –Christina said she is proceeding with arrangements until anyone says otherwise, which has not happened. The brochure will be done this coming week. The team is waiting for consensus on a time line for proceeding. Christina would like to designate a keeper of the flame for the Conference. Glenda explained that this role is appointed by the Board. Media Academy was suggested for our growth and feedback. Carl asked about social distancing at the event. No information is available at present. Christina will explore.
- Treasurer's Report: See attached. Carl reviewed our financial picture, which is within budget and in the blue. This report does not reflect the changes in salary, but they will be in the report next month.

Old Business:

- Welcome Eileen as new Communications Liaison – we are glad to embrace the new positions of Eileen as Communications Liaison and Ray as YFM Liaison.
- Plan for Zoom Budget Meeting: - Christina was informed that a budget for Conference 2021 would be needed for the GLUR treasurer's information. Carl is preparing to present the budget by early May. Glenda will send an email asking for our availability during that period. Glenda asked Carl how much time we need for a virtual meeting. We are thinking three hours; 1.5 hrs, lunch together, 1.5 hrs.
- Glenda asked what other special issues we might want to discuss at this time. Carl would like information on the use of Zoom for the region. (This is in our new business for this meeting.)

New Business:

- Re tithe to Toni Boehm and Martha Creek: Martha and Toni are doing many calls and extra consulting in this time of doing ministry without walls. Greg encouraged us to tithe to their ministries. Glenda moved that we set aside part of our quarterly tithe for these ministries such that we divide it among UWM, UUS, Silent Unity, Toni and Martha. She amended her motion to be as follows: Give a love offering of \$340 each to Toni and Martha's ministries, taking that amount out

of the quarterly tithe, and then split the remainder three ways to UWM, UUS, and Silent Unity. Ray seconded. Passed unanimously.

- Re decision to order new Zoom account(s) and cancel old one: We can get a discount at Tech Soup. Various subscriptions were discussed. By going to a business account, we can save expense. Motion by Carl, seconded by Ray. Glenda wants us to develop a policy for who gets to access the account, etc. We can pin this down at the May meeting. Carl pointed out that we are spending \$203 per year at present. Tyler has her own zoom account. There are many considerations, which we will proceed to examine before the next meeting. Vote is tabled. Christina will contact Tech Soup. Ray will talk with Tyler and Chase. We could use the new platform for the next meeting if we come to consensus. Ray volunteered to work on policy for use of Zoom. Carl will assist. Rachel Simson is a good role model for policy regarding media use.

Sandie prayed us out at 3:17 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 3:19. Next meeting May 20th, time TBA.

Respectfully submitted, Rev. Diane Stark, Secretary