

Unity Spiritual Center in the Rockies
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2023

Call to Order 6:05pm

Roll Call: Dr. David, Minister, Louanna Turner, President, Patricia Yeager, Vice President, Steve Smith, Treasurer, Beth Brickell, Secretary, River Hansen and Beth Pettit-Willis, members at large. All in person!

Opening Prayer: Dr. David

Check in

October Board Minutes approved.

Open time for comments from Members and Guests Vern relayed information about the small group sign-ups. There will be a meeting for the Fillmore's and Metaphysical groups on Dec. 3rd after the service. This will also be in the e-blast.

Votes between Meetings

11/1/2023 - October Board Minutes submitted by Beth B., second Beth P-W, all votes in favor.

Minister's Report: *See attached*

Treasurer's Report

October 31, 2023

Income	\$ 6,337
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Expense	\$ 14,171
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Net Income	\$ -7,834
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Operating Account	\$ 8,834*
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CD Account	\$ 50,984
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* Operating Account – low amount because of pending transfer of bingo income monies using the Line of Credit as our transport vehicle. 11/14/23 Lou had a conversation w/Christy (VP at First Bank) regarding approval of the Line of Credit. She will change the paperwork to show our CD as collateral. The delay has been due to our 2023 income. This is being addressed through the November Pledge Program in addition to educating congregants about what is required to operate the Center.

New Business

Music & Other Events

Team willing to coordinate/plan Music and other Events? Board Liaison?

We had discussion about finding someone in the community via an e-blast announcement to possibly coordinate an event. Beth PW will write up the request. There was also discussion about waiting until a music director is in place. This also led to a conversation about the many announcements and brainstorming came up with ideas such as QR codes or paper bulletins listing announcements or have announcements scrolling prior to and after service on TV's. No actions decided at this time.

Patricia - Bobbie Price – CSL member directory and possible social event in the future. Patricia said this idea is on hold. Patricia indicated that the eblast blurb on the CSL invitation to participate in their business directory will be in this week's eblast. CSL volunteers are wondering if the two churches could get together for social and other events. Patricia suggested that their new minister (when hired) should get together with our minister to make that happen.

Benevolence Fund

A question was asked including funding in budget. Benevolence fund is a designated fund that exists because of member contributions. Lou will research whether this can be changed to fund through Operations. She will talk to Trudy.

River: Cleaning Crew'' gratitude baskets

I am getting an updated list of names and am hoping to have baskets prepared for the crew next Monday.

River: Halloween 2024 ; a BIG party at Unity!

It'll be my BIG project for 2024 (along with a bunch of other volunteers of course)

Costumes Costume contest Dry ice Decorations Pot Luck
Maybe live music Maybe a door fee Door prizes
The seed is planted, it's a Friday night!

This and possibly a Super bowl party and a New Member party

Unfinished Business

Closing building procedure – River wrote sometime in past and will update. More detail may be needed and some kind of list of who is closing after service each week. Also seeing if there is something in the policy and procedure book.

Lending Library: Lou will contact Phyllis with the latest info from FH improvement team meeting 11/14/23.

From Sept Notes: Garden & Lawns: Steve suggested revisit this question in the future, possibly getting a sub-committee for outside and make decisions before spring.

Rental of our facility to Order of Liberal Freemasonry. Le Droit Humain – Dr David has a scheduled meeting with a representative.

Parking lots – Estimates are being received.

AED & CPR – Hybrid class after the holidays

Care Ministry

Dr David & Rev Rose are coordinating an action plan. See email 11/15/23. Rev. Rose is interested in working with Dr. David and our center in a volunteer pastoral care capacity. There is a plan to relaunch the Circles of Care program. The idea is to host an informational meeting on Sunday, Dec. 3 after the service at noon for those interested in participating after the model for small groups that Vern will be talking about.

Lawnmowing & Gardens maintenance

Phebe worked for us this fall and did a good job at an affordable rate.

Pledge Program

Per Dr David: successfully launched on Nov. 12. I will have packets for the board members tonight and ask them to complete and return them to Yo'Lauder or me. The next step is to mail hard copies of the packet to everyone for whom we have snail mail addresses. It may be a repeat for some people, and better to get two copies than none. Then we will send a special eblast on Monday, Nov. 20 from the board reminding everyone to return them to the office "just like the six of us (board members) have done."

Fellowship Hall improvement:

Patricia – 1st meeting Oct 24, 2nd meeting 11/14/23.

Stuff leftover from closing the Bookstore

Per Dr David: River selling the non-book items from the bookstore on Dec. 3 and 10, the same two days the Sacred Women's Circle is doing gift wrapping.

Legacy program

Per Dr David: The Legacy program was announced along with the Pledge program on Nov. 12. We are working on adding the elements to the website for planned estate giving.

On-Line Presence

Rev. Jennifer Wilde has been contacted and can further develop the website with \$. May be added to the budget.

Bear Proof dumpster

After our current contract is up, we will contact another company that charges a more reasonable rate for a bearproof dumpster.

GFL currently has the contract. They have a \$35 monthly fee to make the top bearproof. Beth B finding out when GFL contract is up. We may want to set up with a different company and have them give us a bear proof top. (Carefree could be set up in advance with a one-time charge of \$100 for the bear proof top).

Laminated bookmarks to hand out to visitors:

Dr. David will follow up with a bookmark in process.

Treasurer's Report & Audit before Annual Meeting

Lou and Beth PW will come up with a process.

Executive Session: yes, 5pm

Next Board Meeting: December 20,2023

Closing Prayer: Dr. David

Adjourn: 7:40pm

Notes submitted by Beth Brickell, Secretary