

DRAFT AGENDA USCL Board of Trustees and Leadership Team

Meeting May 23rd, 2022

6:30 pm Zoom On-Line Meeting Agenda

Meeting ID: 177 417 886 Passcode: 601744 Board

Board Members: Dan Maynard, Kathleen Assiff, Jane Cloos, Casey Millar, Chrissie Shearer, Lucille Olson, Teresa Mulford, Sharon Ketchum (non-voting)

Leadership Team: Jerry Podany (Admin and Project Management), Nanette Podany (Kitchen) Sue Winklestern (Design Report in Agenda), Jeff English (Celebration), Danielle McMahon (SAGE)

REMINDER: Everyone is invited to Casey's wedding June 25th, Tea Shower June 4th

Call meeting to order: Dan

Pray in: Dan

Reaffirm mission and vision statements Dan

Mission: Spiritual awakening to our Oneness with God, with each other and with all creation.

Vision: A world powerfully transformed through a growing movement of shared spiritual awakening.

1. **Agenda Accepted**
2. **Minutes approved from March 28th meeting:**
3. **Recording of E-votes for the Record – None**

7:00 pm Treasurer's Report Jane

See Treasurer's Separate Reports emailed out

Operational Income and Expenses for APRIL 2022

	Apr 2022	Apr BGT	Apr 2021	YTD 2022	YTD BGT	YTD 2021
Income	\$ 12,626	\$12,275	\$ 8,385	\$65,004	\$49,199	\$51,412
Expenses	\$ 17,687	\$13,230	14,293	\$62,005	\$57,544	\$47,285
Net Ord Inc	<\$ 5,060>	< \$955>	\$ 2,999	\$ 2,999	<\$8.444>	\$ 4,127
Other Inc	\$ 0.00	\$44,529	\$ 47.617	\$ 0.00	Non Bgt	\$73,188
Other Exps	\$ 3,067	\$32,321	\$ 9,228	\$ 0.00	Non Bgt	\$47,285
	Apr 2022	APR Budget	Apr 2021	YTD 2022	YTD BGT	YTD 2021
Net TOT Inc	<\$8,128>	< \$955>	\$ 6,299	\$41,388	<\$ 8,444>	\$45,235

Financials Item 1: Operating Deficit

Consider: If income does not increase to cover expenses, how far do we go into reserves before we begin making cuts of expenses?

If we plan on living with the deficit this year, does this need members' approval because of the amount of money we could potentially be taking from reserves? (\$5,000/month) This would require calling a special members' meeting.

Financials Item 2: Solar Panels follow-up

Absolute Solar quote: \$60,000; Annual Savings \$5,000;

In 25 years – total energy savings \$127,000 (projecting increase cost of utilities

ITEM: What is our next step? Form a committee? Check financing? Table for 6 months?

Old Business

1. **Text Donations** – Follow-up by Dan on QR and Text to Tithe DAN

Dan recommended Text Donations: \$10/month plus processing fees

3 Month Trial:

Dan made a Motion: Try "Continue to Give" Text donation for 90 days.

Note: Board to review results at **September meeting**. QR code will continue to be used.

Passed with five yes and one abstention

2. **Event Rental Venue Update – very few inquiries this month** JESSICA

FYI: Events currently booked:

June 11th at 2 pm Ellie Grieb Memorial

Note: Casey's wedding, shower cancelled in exchange for a house.

Question of how much income could be generated with shared office space.

Ministry Teams reports: (Alphabetically) – Items for discussion/motions

Admin Team - Building:

Update on Renovation of Lodge to receive occupancy permit. – Jerry

Passed Framing Inspection. Drywallers completed by end of May Cost \$3900 (Budget \$4,000)

Deck: Post holes dug (Jerry and Greg Edwards)

Celebration Team: Still in the works: Baby Grand piano was repaired, broke again Jerry will have the repair piece in the next couple weeks.

Piano Technician Tim's Precision Piano. \$65/service call. Jerry is working on recreating the broken piece (\$400-\$500 savings) week of May 1st. Then Tim will come back and reinstall it

Design Team – from Meeting May 1st

Lodge Paint color: Sparkling Lake (Valspar brand)(Lowes) eggshell finish #5002-3B

Prayer Room Paint Color: Tropical Bay (Valspar brand)((Lowes) eggshell finish #5002-3C

Snack Kitchen Counter top: Argentine Romano Formica (Menards)

Flooring Jessica's office & handicap bathroom: Loew's Florence Travertine #1035192
Smartcore Ultra Waterproof Vinyl model #LX42101205

Decision: release refinished French doors for Lodge. Instead replace side panel window (Habitat for Humanity – repurpose sliding doors for \$50)

IDEA (Diversity) Team –

Teresa

June Pride month, prepping a SALT June 12th,
Book “White Too Long” – segregation instituted by the “church”
Privilege Walk June 19th following service.

Outreach and Social: (Team is not currently active but subteams are) NO REPORTS

Fellowship is again serving beverages and snacks; Nanette and Chris

ACTION: Write-up announcement for fellowship snacks and for volunteers – NAN?

Lunch Bunch meeting Nancy Claytor & Lisa Haston

Library is open Lisa Schmidt

SAGE Courageous Conversations Dan and Danielle McMahon

Items for Discussion

1. Event Opport-Unity Fair Potluck August 28th – DAN
Looking to connect with new people for our teams
2. Fellowship for Today sharing announcements DAN
3. A Course in Prosperity with Maureen Muldoon DAN

SILENT PRAYER TEAM – no report

Sharon

TECH TEAM: Greg Dening

Checking security from hacking, exploring streaming directly to YouTube for a cost savings of \$79/month.

Greg Dening and Jessica working out ownership of our website domain name with Go Daddy. Still be charged for Unity of Greater Lansing although we let that “go” two years ago. (\$150/year). Plan to move domain name to Oneeach – our website host.

Chad stepped down from team. We will now be meeting just as needed.

Inactive Teams - FYI

Nominating Team 2023 (inactive till November) Karla Janing and Jerry Podany – No Report
Unity Earthcare – Team inactive but Styrofoam (Sybil Spencer and Lisa Schmidt), Batteries and Pop tabs still being collected – Booked another energy audit for June 21.

Youth and Family – Inactive

Ministers Report: covered in Team Reports Below are FYI’s

Minister’s Schedule

Off During May 23 – June 3rd (my daughter visits from New Zealand.)

Away to Unity Convention in Kansas City June 12 – 17

Off week July 14th – 20th (Brother-in-laws funeral, Burlington Vermont)

Guest Speakers: Rev. Peggy Konkel May 29th, Greg Bowens June 12th, Paul Mingus July 17th

Memorial Meditation Forest: planning with Lee Nelson and Catz, plus consulting with a friend of Joell's (Emma) who just graduated in forestry. Nan has done a grid chart for land to start mapping the trees.

New Business

Cravings Popcorn fundraiser June 6-to 27 Dan

Discussion on announcements, having team leaders make announcements, etc. Send to Celebration Team.

Possibly include in the survey.

Adjourned meeting –

Draft Working Policy

Passed at April Meeting

Memorial Meditation Garden Southeast Corner of Property

Planting a Tree in honor/memory of a person, pet or cause

If a congregant would like to plant a tree in honor
or memory of a loved one (person or pet) or a
cause:



1. TREE

- a. In order to support the trees in thriving, we ask that tree choices be made from Unity's overall plan for the garden. (*Trees do best next to trees like them.*)
- b. Tree is purchased by donor. Planting is the responsibility of the donor.
either planted by donor in designated location or donor arrangements with a nursery/gardener to plant the tree.
- c. Unity will be responsible for watering.



2. PLAQUE

Plaque: Amazon 4" by 6" \$34.99

Unity will order plaque. Donor will designate content.

Sign can include "in memory of" but no epitaph
Engraved – to include name of tree

- SOLID METAL: Made for indoor-outdoor use. Label plants, trees, fruits, vegetables or flowers in your garden with this elegant metal sign. These signs make great dedications and memorials for a loved one.
- CUSTOMIZABLE: Include your personal text over multiple lines.
- LASER ENGRAVED: Our laser-engraving process fuses a dark gray/black text to the surface of the material
- OUTDOOR USE: Both stainless steel and titanium are made for outdoor use with no upkeep. Copper, Brass and Bronze will need periodic cleaning as they will tarnish.
- MADE IN THE USA: Proudly designed, produced and made in America. Local materials are sourced and used when available.
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CREMAINS PLANTED WITH TREE – unofficial

Not in a container or biodegradable container.

Cremains can be buried or sprinkled. Agreement to never be exhumed