



USCL Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

February 26, 2023

Zoom Link: 177-417-886 Passcode: 601744

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Board Members: Dan Maynard - Yes, Kathy Assiff - Yes , Jill Dening - Yes, Jane Cloos – Absent, Chrissie Shearer Yes, Lucille Olson – Yes, Teresa Mulford – Yes, Sharon Ketchum (non-voting) - Yes

Leadership Team: Jerry Podany - Absent (Facility Grounds Team), Jeff Benot – Absent (Admin Team), Nanette Podany - Absent (Kitchen), Sue Winklestern - Absent (Design), Jeff English - Absent (Celebration), Danielle McMahon – Absent (SAGE), Chris Janson- Yes (OSAT)

Call to Order: 12:10 pm

Dan

Opening Prayer

Sharon

Mission Statement

Our Vision: A world powerfully transformed through the shared spiritual awakening of all humanity.

Our Mission Advancing the Unity movement that calls us to awaken to our oneness with God, each other, and all creation.

Approval of Minutes Dated January 22, 2022

Motion by Chrissie Shearer to Approve the Minutes

Seconded by Lucille Olson

Approved by All Board Members Present

Recording of E-Votes since last meeting

Jan. 30, 2023, Awarding of Congregants' Choice assignments.

Motion made by Jane, seconded by Chrissie. Yes votes: Kathy, Teresa, Jill

February 10th Draft Bylaw Updates:

Motion made by Teresa and seconded by Kathy, Yes votes: Dan, Jane, Jill, Chrissie, Lucille

Consent Agenda

I.	<u>Administration</u>	Report, No Board Action	Jeff Benoit
II.	<u>Celebration Team</u>	No Report	Jeff English
III.	<u>Design Team</u>	Report, No Board Action	Susan Winklestern-
IV.	<u>Facility Grounds Team</u>	Report, No Board Action	Jerry Podany
V.	<u>Inclusion-Diversity Team</u>	Report, No Board Action	Teresa Mulford
VI.	<u>Kitchen Team</u>	Report, No Board Action	Nan Podany
VII.	<u>Outreach Social Team</u>	Report, No Board Action	Chris Janson
VIII.	<u>SAGE Team</u>	Report, No Board Action	Dan Maynard
IX.	<u>Youth and Family</u>		<i>Inactive at this time</i>

Chris Janson attended the meeting to report on some feedback received on the Valentine Dance and noted that some people felt excluded because of the cost. The team is exploring hosting future quarterly social events and will include communication so that no one will be turned away for financial reasons.

Team Business Complete – Team Leaders in attendance may leave.

New Business - Board Only Items

- Review plans for Annual Meeting
- Jessica and Greg Dening to handle Zoom related matters.
- Sign-in – Chrissie
- Review of Agenda <https://www.unitylansing.org/8th-annual-members-meeting>
Note that this link contains links to all documents
- Ideas for blessing of Upper Lodge
 - Ribbon Cutting at the Front Door.
 - Kathy will bring in a third-eye crystal bowl.

- Perform a chant/dance to celebrate the new Lodge space.

Old Business

Approval of Membership (New & Renewal)

No Approval Required

Minister's Report

Request approval of Policy on Leadership Team Council

Motion by Chrissie Shearer to accept the Policy on the Leadership Team Council for the purpose of Casting a Vision for Unity Spiritual Center of Lansing.

Seconded by Kathy Assiff

Approved by All Board Members Present

Set a date for the April Leadership Team Council Meeting

Meeting Date is Sunday April 23, 2023, at 12:00 pm for the Leadership Team Council Meeting

Treasurer's Report

Jane Cloos

Blessing of the Tithes for January

Rev. Sharon

Outgoing to Unity Worldwide Ministries, Silent Unity, Great Lakes Region of Unity Churches, & Congregant's Choice
EVE

Other Business

Dan Maynard

The Lift Lansing Project

Dan presented a copy of an email he received from Michael Novak written on behalf of the Board of Directors for The Lift Lansing Project which is a grassroots organization dedicated to aiding those who seek shelter, food, and basic necessities. Dan noted that he met Michael at a spaghetti dinner hosted at a restaurant his business is trying to sell a point of sale/restaurant management system.

After reviewing the email and discussing the request from The Lift Lansing Project, the decision was made that Sharon and Teresa will schedule a meeting with Michael and his attorney to get our questions answered. Any additional action needed by the USCL Board of Trustees will be discussed at a future date.

Announcements

Next USCL Board Meeting – March 26, 2023

Check- Out

Closing Prayer

Meeting Adjourned at 1:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by Jill Dening, Secretary