



USCL Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

September 24, 2023

Zoom Link: 177-417-886 Passcode: 601744

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Board Members: Jeff Benoit – Yes, Jane Cloos – Yes, Jill Dening - Yes, Sharon Ketchum (non-voting) – Yes, Teresa Mulford – Yes, Lucille Olson – Yes, Chrissie Shearer Yes

Leadership Team: Jerry Podany - No (Facility Grounds Team), Jeff Benoit – Yes (Admin Team), Nanette Podany - No & Chris McEnhill - No (Kitchen), Sue Winkelstern- No (Design), Jeff English - No (Celebration), Doug Eagle – No & Danielle McMahan – No (SAGE), Maggie Bishop - No & Lisa Haston- No (OSAT), Teresa Mulford – Yes (Diversity & Inclusion)

Call to Order: 12:20 pm

Chrissie Shearer

Opening Prayer

Rev. 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 July 23, 2023 – Postponed

Consent Agenda

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| I. | Outreach Social Team | Report, No Board Action | Maggie Bishop & Lisa Haston |
| II. | SAGE Team | Report, No Board Action | Doug Eagle & Danielle McMahan |
| III. | Celebration Team | No Report | Jeff English |
| IV. | Hospitality Team | Report, No Board Action | Nan Podany |
| V. | Administration Team | Report, No Board Action | Jeff Benoit |
| VI. | Facility Grounds Team | No Report | Jerry Podany |

VII.	Design Team	No Report	Sue Winkelstern
VIII.	Youth and Family Team		<i>Inactive at this time</i>
IX.	Nominating Team	No Report	Lucille Olson
X.	Inclusion/Diversity Team	No Report	Teresa Mulford

New Business

Team Business Complete – Team Leaders in attendance may leave.

New Business - Board Only Items

- **Sunday Attendance Growth** – Discussion about the increased attendance during Sunday services with possible changes needed to the current configuration to allow for continued growth. Sharon will review the seating configuration with the Design Team, and she will ensure the Celebration Team is also engaged to discuss any changes with the ushers. Jeff offered to donate the money to purchase 2 new round tables if appropriate.
- **Sunday Child Care Comfort** – Brief discussion on some challenges encountered when children in attendance are disruptive/loud. One suggestion is to move the Childrens Play Area closer to the leather furniture short term with an understanding that our future vision is to move the Childrens Play Area to the Activity Room.
- **Application for Lake Trust Credit Card**

Motion by Lucille Olson to apply for a credit card from Lake Trust with a credit limit of \$5,000. The cards will be held by the Minister, Office Manager, and Facilities Manager. This credit card will be paid off monthly. A procedure/best practice will include all receipts being turned into the Office Manager and subsequently kept with the monthly statement.

Seconded by Chrissie Shearer

Approved by All Board Members Present

- **October Leadership Council Meeting Agenda**
 1. **Feedback/Input from “Honoring Our Past” Workshop**
 2. The next items came up during the “Honoring Our Past” Workshop
 - a. **Kids in Sanctuary and being held by platform person**
(ultimately, we’d like to create a kids area in Activity room and live stream service into the Activity room. However, this can’t be done until the area is remodeled as it is unsafe for kids. One suggestion is to move kids area to location of sofas as a way of deadening the sound. *(I have sent an email to Lee and Casey for their ideas.)*)
 - b. **Co-create a list of projects** that we can share with the congregation at a townhall to help us set priorities. Most teams likely have wish lists.
 3. **Finances:** With 9 months of 2023 on the books, we can take a good look at the church’s financials. Actuals to budget. Share ideas on how much of the reserve fund to use to balance upcoming budgets until we balance income and expenses.
 4. **Board is Proposing a Townhall Sunday October 29th with a “Snack Luck”/ “Trick or Treat Luck”**
- **Recording of e-vote of September 26, 2023**

Motion by Jeff Benoit to repair the Pump Control for \$1875.

Seconded by Teresa Mulford

Approved by All Board Members

Old Business

Minister's Report

Rev. Sharon

Treasurer's Report

Jane Cloos

Motion by Lucille Olson to Accept the Treasurer's Report.

Seconded by Teresa Mulford

Approved by All Board Members Present

Other Business

- Jeff mentioned that he will be leading a weekly workshop on Quest -Unity Principles via Zoom beginning in 2024. More to come closer to 2024.

Announcements

- *Next Combined Leadership & USCL Board Meeting – Sunday October 22, 2023*
- *Next Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for Sunday October 29, 2023*

Check- Out

Closing Prayer

Meeting Adjourned at 2:35 pm

Respectfully submitted by Jill Dening, Secretary