

USCL Board of Trustees Meeting

October 26, 2020 6:30 PM
Zoom On-Line Meeting Minutes

Board Members: Dan Maynard, Nancy Cody, Greg Edwards, Chris Clements, Chris Janson, Lee Nelson, Sharon Ketchum (non-voting)

Team Leaders Present: Jerry Podany (Admin), Teresa Mulford (Outreach/Social)

Team Leader(s) Absent: Jeff English (Celebration)

Call meeting to order: 6:33

Pray in: Sharon Ketchum

Reaffirm mission and vision statements

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.

Team Reports:

- **Spiritual Growth and Development (SGAD);**
Casey Miller, Team leader, has resigned from SGAD and Youth & Family
- **Celebration**
Jeff and the band members and some soloists are discussing gathering at our new building (assuming we close on the purchase in time) to make a Christmas recording. Cost will be approximately \$1000.00. We'd hire a videographer. Dan will contact Jeff to remind him to talk to soloists about copyright issues. They can use traditional Christmas songs (expired copyrights), emPower music or original songs. We'll have musicians/soloists sign a waiver authorizing us to record/use music online.
- **Community Outreach Social**
 - We're encouraging people to participate in a food drive, delivering food to a local food bank or the Fledge.
 - This team is considering splitting into two teams, Outreach and Social
- **Administration**
Jerry Podany sending team report as separate email
 - **Bylaws** (*task sub-team of Administration*), Teresa Mulford
The team is scheduled to meet on October 29th.
 - **Team to investigate options for Holmes St.**
Several non-profits have been contacted to notify them of the availability of the building
Jerry Norris (The Fledge) has made a formal offer of \$1,000.00. for the property
Lisa Kost, realtor, has said the property is worth \$150,000.00

Motions Passed:

(Chris J/Nancy) unanimous

“Send a letter to Jerry Norris regarding our intentions for the property at 230 S Holmes St. (Sharon will draft)”

Considerations: ethical obligation, responsibility to the neighborhood, responsibility to our membership:

(Chris/Nancy) unanimous

“Nancy will call Lisa Kost to ask her to list the property at 230 S Holmes St for three months at fair market value.”

(Chris J/Lee) 5 yes/1 abstain

“If the listing expires, we will sell the property to Jerry Norris (The Fledge) for #1,000.00 plus all closing costs.”

Treasurer’s report Greg Edwards: September 2020

Our financial status looks great! However, we’ll benefit from increased tithes once we return to in-person services.

Minister’s report (Sharon)

1. Confirmed that all bank accounts are listed with Sharon as Account Owner.
2. Jessica is obtaining a rough quote on snow removal and mowing from HR Auto. (They will need specifics on what areas we want mowed as well as how much of the parking lot cleared - especially when we aren't meeting in person.)
3. Tithe on \$10,000 LEAP Grant.

Motion Passed (Greg/Chris J) unanimous

“Motion to tithe on the LEAP Grant to the 5 Congregants’ Choice recipients.”
(The Fledge, Punks with Lunch, RISE, Sunrise Movement and Advent House)

4. Final letter sent to Bell Title asking for an Affidavit of Scrivener’s error of ¼ foot when they related the Warranty Deed from Metaphysical Church to Spiritual Renaissance in 2006.
5. Channel 10 News and The Fledge

E-Votes Passed Since Last Meeting

Lee/Nancy (10/20/2020)

Resolution:

With a membership vote of 74 Yes, 0 No, and 1 Abstain, Unity Spiritual Center of Lansing is authorized to purchase 2395 Washington Road Lansing, MI 48911 at a price of

\$582,000. Signatories for this purpose shall be Board of Trustees President, Dan Maynard and Board of Trustees Vice President Nancy Cody.

Nancy/Greg (10/23/2020)

Motion:

To hire immediately E.I.T. to perform a phase I environmental study on the property at 2395 Washington Road, Lansing Mi 48911 for a cost of \$2700.

NOTE: This company is called SME.

Member approval: None

Old Business

- Holmes St – disconnect electricity to temporary pole and return temporary pole – power has been disconnected; pole will be removed this week.
- Sharon disabling call-forwarding a few days per week – she'll begin doing this once we close on the new building

New Business

- Executive Team,
Function is to expedite some decisions
- Emails
Reminder to have clarity with subject and be mindful of whether an email should be reply all
- Giving notice at 1426 E Michigan
Decision:
Give notice for the property at 1426 E Michigan effective 1/31/2021; Notice to be sent via certified mail
- Beacons of Prosperity
 1. Jessica is working on a report to give us the status of the fund.
 2. We fund some 2017 items that were included - items purchased for the kitchen (sink and faucets) under \$1000 which will be moved out of the fund into Holmes Repairs
 3. To date: 2 people have indicated they want a return of their donation for a total of \$1000. There are two others that might ask totaling \$976.
 4. Jessica is creating a spread sheet with categories a. Received permission to transfer monies to general fund, b. request return of donation and c. No response to date. This will give us a clear idea of where we stand with that money.

FYI - right now, with me (Sharon) making assumptions, it looks like we will likely have about \$55,000 to move from Beacons to General

Decision: Because the letter sent to non-members regarding Beacons of Prosperity funds was unclear; a new letter will be sent. Teresa is doing research regarding the best way to handle any refunds.

Holmes Street

Decision:

We'll pay McCardel the final \$2,000.00 that we've been holding pending completion of their work.

Washington Ave

Motion Passed (Greg/Nancy) unanimous

"To take care of the cost of all of the repairs found in the inspection in exchange for the additional property according to the draft survey that includes the entire pond."

Nancy will include inspection report and spreadsheet showing costs when she presents this to the Seller (via Lisa Kost)

"Parking Lot" (agenda items for a later date)

- Allen Newsletter
- Sharon's Evaluation
- Revisit Core Values

Adjourn Meeting 9:06 pm

Next Meeting: November 30, 2020