

## 2023-6-9 Unity Spiritual Center Board Meeting Minutes

5:30-7:30 pm on zoom

Present: Carol Laudenbach, Sue O'Hara, Cristina Seaborn, Dan Haskamp, Al Neff, Angie Trulson

Absent: Terri Duncan

Meeting Documents:

- Carol sent the meeting documents in advance, including the following:
  - [Documents for meeting sent in advance by Carol](#)
  - [Directions and steps forward for the Prayer Chaplain Program](#)
  - [Board Pledge](#)

Board Pledge Discussion:

- Carol initiated a discussion about the existing board pledge and whether any changes were necessary.
- All board members expressed their satisfaction with the current board pledge, and it was decided not to rewrite it.

Dates and Times for Upcoming Events:

- August 27th: Town Hall Meeting on Spiritual Co-op and Membership from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm.
- September 9th (Saturday): Membership Class #1 (for Board and Leads of our Sacred Service Teams) on Five Unity Principles Board Training from 8:00 am to 11:00 am.
- September 13th (Tuesday): Membership Class #2 (for Board and Leads of our Sacred Service Teams) on Benefits, Responsibilities, and Expectations of Membership from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm.
- September 24th: Board will sign membership covenant at service.

October and November Membership Classes:

- Dates to be determined.
- Carol will discuss potential dates with Cheryl Perry.

New Business:

1. Investment in Financial Vehicles:
  - Sue O'Hara suggested investing the money in our accounts to earn interest.
  - Sue asked if our current accounts allow access to a money market account.
  - It was mentioned that money market accounts offer 4-5% returns and have no risk.

- Further details and availability of funds in various accounts were discussed.
  - Dan will look into what money market accounts exist at our bank.
2. Staff Evaluation:
- Carol asked Angie to find out when Cheryl's evaluation is due.
  - Angie, who has been with us for six months, also requested feedback.
  - The board discussed the evaluation process and templates used for reviews.
  - Dan, Carol, and Sue volunteered to develop evaluation templates for Angie and Cheryl.
  - Plans were made to meet with them personally and provide feedback.
  - Carol will share the template used for Jim, and Angie will provide the template from Greg.
3. Affirmative Prayer Training with Linda Martella Whitsett:

Motion made by Carol Laudenbach to hire Linda Martella Whitsett for an Affirmative Prayer workshop, seconded by Sue O'Hara.

- Angie Trulsen proposed hiring Linda Martella Whitsett, vice president of Unity Prayer.
- The cost of hiring Linda would be \$2600, which includes travel flight and lodging expenses.
- Linda Martella Whitsett would cover affirmative prayer but not the logistics of running a prayer chaplain program.
- Unity Minneapolis expressed satisfaction with the current Light and Love format of their prayer chaplain program.
- Unity MPLS will promote Linda Martella-Whitsett training to their prayer chaplains and congregants individually and expects interest.
- The possibility of other unity communities joining the training was discussed.
- Dan suggested that if other communities don't commit, the cost could be shared among our community members and those in attendance.
- Motion tabled for further discussion, including the possibility of conducting the training via Zoom or in a hybrid format.

In an email exchange July 3rd through 7th 2023, this motion was again made by Carol Laudenbach to hire Linda Martella Whitsett for an Affirmative Prayer workshop, seconded by Cristina Seaborn. All approved. Motion carries. Angie Trulsen was given the instructions to proceed by Carol Laudenbach.

Other Announcements:

- Pet Blessing service could be conducted by Reverend Barbara Winter Martin on July 23rd service if the board approves this.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.