

## **Unity Spiritual Center Monthly Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** August 11, 2023

**Location:** Hybrid (Physical and Virtual)

**Present:** Carol Laudenbach, Dan Haskamp, Terri Duncan, Cristina Seaborn, Sue O'Hara, Al Neff

**Meeting Commencement:** The meeting was called to order by Carol Laudenbach at 5:30 pm.

**Opening Prayer:** Terri Duncan opened the meeting with a prayer, expressing gratitude for the opportunity to listen to one another.

**New 2023 Board Director's Pledge:** The 2023 Board Director's Pledge was read out loud by Sue O'Hara. The written version of the pledge will be obtained from Sue.

### **Official Reports Requiring Acceptance:**

- The Secretary Report for the 7/14/23 board meeting was accepted by the board.

**Treasurer Summary & Report:** Dan, Angie, and Carol met with the accountant to discuss financial matters, including transitioning to QuickBooks. Membership lists cannot be obtained from QuickBooks. They decided to continue using Icon until the transition is complete. The accountant's monthly commitment was reduced to two hours. A quarterly report will be provided. The board made progress in this discussion.

**President's Report: Spiritual Counseling:** Carol informed the board about contacting Reverend Bain and Reverend Barbara regarding offering Spiritual Counseling for the congregation. The session time limit is yet to be decided. Reverend Greg and the board suggested a set amount. Questions were raised about the financial commitment from the board and the agreement's signatories. A survey will be conducted to gauge interest in spiritual counseling. Cristina Seaborn proposed a **motion to budget \$500 for 10 people to receive one hour of counseling at \$50 an hour, from now until the end of the year. Additional information is needed for informed decision-making. The motion failed.**

**Director's Report/Budget Adjustment Review:** Cristina Seaborn made a motion **requesting permission to budget \$100 for virtual components for the Great Lakes Unity Region conference in September. Cheryl would attend this as our Licensed Unity Teacher. Second by Terri.** Motion passed unanimously.

### **John Denver Sunday**

Carol discussed a meeting with Tammy and Dennis about the John Denver service for December 3rd. Logistics and coordination will continue.

**Board Signature Authorization:** Terri Duncan made a motion that Carol Laudenbach, president; Dan Haskamp, treasurer; and Angie Trulson, director will be signers and have access to the Great River Credit Union account for Unity Spiritual Center. Motion passed unanimously.

**PRIDE Event:** Terri shared preparations for the PRIDE event, including table decorations and consideration of eco-friendly giveaways. Registration was confirmed.

**Unfinished Business:**

- Tithing: Dan provided updates.
- Building Proceed Investment: Dan shared progress.

**New Business:**

- Meeting Day Change: The proposal to move the meeting to the third Thursdays of the month, 5:30-7:30 pm, starting in September, was accepted. The next meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2023.
- Town Hall Meeting Agenda: Plans for the upcoming Town Hall meeting on August 27th were discussed. The focus will be on congregational needs and spiritual growth. Different terms for membership were suggested. Responsibilities for the meeting were assigned.

**Reports Attached for Review:**

- Minutes of July Meeting
- Treasurer's Report
- Director's Report

**Closing Prayer:** Cristina Seaborn led the closing prayer.

**Meeting Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

*Respectfully submitted by,  
Cristina Seaborn*