

Monthly Board Meeting 09/21/2023 HYBRID

Terri Duncan, Cristina Seaborn, Al Neff, Sue O’Hara, Dan Haskamp

**Opening Prayer
Pledge**

**Terri
Board**

Official Reports requiring Acceptance

- **Secretary Report approved** **Cristina**
- **Treasurer Summary & Report approved** **Dan**

Dan has gone to the bank three times to change the names with Great River Bank. Terri suggested we can change banks to Bremer or Saint Cloud Credit Union.

Terri made a Motion to ask the Treasurer to explore other financial institutions that would be easier to work with. Second by Sue. Passed unanimously.

Sue made a motion that we approve monthly bookkeeping fees at \$225. Second by Dan. Approved unanimously.

- **President’s Report – Updates** **Carol**
 - **Special Events in September**
 - **Orientation & Agreements**
 - **Director Evaluation Complete**

Unfinished Business

- **Town Hall Feedback & Action Required** **Angie**

Carol talked about the first comment on the feedback that there is “too much Jesus and Bible, maybe more universal messages.” We are inclusive and talk about other faith paths, other ways of talking about God. It’s a valuable piece of inclusivity. The other half is resistance a number of people in our congregation have to Jesus, God, and the Bible.

Keep in mind some way for people to talk and get beyond those triggers. How can we help others get past their triggers that have a negative vibe and pain?

- **Spiritual Co-op Orientation**

Carol

- **Relationship to Membership**

We need to talk about ownership and membership when we give the class to the congregation. Clarify how a person is a member.

- **Class Attendance : Agreement**

We need to attend both classes to be able to sign the agreement and be an owner/member of Unity Spiritual Center.

- **Financial:**

- **Fees for participants** - there are none, no love offering
- **Reimbursement to LUT** -

Terri moved that the LUT be reimbursed as outlined in the director's report when there is no fee or love offering. \$30 per hour to teach with \$50 minimum per course not per session. No payments for prep time. Second by AI. All approved.

New Business

- **End of Year Wrap Up**
- **2024 Planning**

Closing Prayer

Cristina

Reports Attached for Review

- **Financial Reports**
- **Town Hall Wrap Up**
- **Directors Report**

We have 6 sessions coming up that would be fabulous to have a board member for each night. The board member brings snacks.

Register for the Linda Martella Whitsett workshop at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/how-to-pray-with-others-tickets-699290515757>

October 28th is the Bake Sale

White Stone

December 3rd is John Denver Sunday

12 Powers Class

1. At time of publication, 2 registrants

ii. Linda Martella-Whitsett *volunteer opportunities*

1. At time of publication, 5 registrants.

iii. Spiritual Co-Op Orientation classes – *UPDATED CLASS SESSIONS and TIMES

1. Weekday evening (Nov. 6-13) 5:30-8:30 p.m.

2. Weekday morning (Nov. 7-14) 9 a.m.-12 noon

3. Saturday morning (Jan. 6-13) 9 a.m.-12 noon

4. Snack sign-up

iv. Thanksgiving potluck- TBD

v. John Denver Sunday – 11 a.m .service

vi. Holiday Social & Potluck, Dec. 15 at 6 p.m.

vii. 12 Powers Candle lighting service, 7 p.m.

viii. Burning Bowl service

- **August Minutes**

- **Strategic Planning** is to identify overarching vision, mission, and goals, and the action plans that would allow us to achieve those goals. Al, Carol, Dan volunteered. The concept of Unity is underexposed. Get our name out there. Al would like to be the community outreach specialist.

Sue O'Hara asked if we can utilize building funds to pay for Atonement Lutheran? Carol responded that we have the authority to do so. We can't continue to operate in the red. We will be receiving \$4000 from the CD in February 2024. Carol suggested we pursue other ways of increasing our revenue. Dan is talking about fundraising. Special events may help us get back on track. Dan mentioned that we can roll over the CD. The board should be paying attention to the money. Members will be looking at the finances. We have a savings account that will get us so far. With what we've been experiencing with our revenues and expenses, we are -\$5000. As of tomorrow, we need to have a plan in place using money from the sale of the building. Reimbursement for rental of the last year.