Unity of Madison - Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 26, 2023 4:30 pm

Attendees: Rev. Richard Bunch, Joanne Ruzicka, Denise Landkamer, Elaine Stebleton, Joe Dieter, Steve Roberts, Nancy Sundal, Mary-Claire Glasenhardt

1. Pray-In - Richard
2. One Minute Check-ins
3. Vision Mission, Core Values statements
4. Steve moved to approve the Consent Agenda, which consisted of the Minutes from June, the Tech Team Report, the LTT Report and the Search Team Report. The Treasurer’s Report was pulled out for further discussion. Mary-Claire seconded. The motion passed.
5. Richard presented the Minister’s Report.
6. Joanne reported on the bequest that Unity of Madison has recently received. Richard suggested a 60/40 split of the funds between the BFOF and the General Fund. Joanne suggested we hang a plaque honoring people who have left us bequests as a possibility for the future. We also felt it would be appropriate to make a public acknowledgement of bequests we have received from others. The funds will remain in the BFOF for the time being pending further discussion next month.
7. The parking lot was the next item of business. Nancy and Steve met with a contractor to discuss adding some permeable surface to the lower end of the parking lot. Even adding 10% permeable surface would add something on the order of $17,000 to the cost of the project, so the Board decided to drop permeable surface from the parking lot project. We discussed the need for a permit from the City to move forward with the parking lot. We also talked about the importance of having a survey that defines our property lines in hand while the parking lot is being built. We agreed to sign with Dunner’s to do the work of building the new parking lot.
8. Jessica is planning on leading a family spiritual retreat to Eagle Cave. The Board agreed to sponsor the retreat at the level of $20 per person. We will also host a bake sale to help fund the retreat and sponsor the retreat as a Unity event.
9. Joanne presented the idea of establishing an Events Team to help plan and coordinate special events and help Denise who is doing this work currently.
10. Rev. Richard prayed us out.

**Assignments**

Nancy will present the Board Report this Sunday. She will also solicit volunteers for an Events Team and announce that a ministerial candidate is being scheduled for a visit.

Nancy will sign the contract with Dunner’s for the parking lot work.

Joanne will look for a lot survey.

Mary-Claire will draw up a plan for tree islands for the parking lot.