

**Unity Center of Walnut Creek**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
January 24<sup>th</sup> 2008  
Location: YE Room at Unity Center.

A quorum being present the meeting was called to order by Vice President/President Elect Miller at

**Present:**

**Board Members:** Suzanne Perry Paige, Ana Costa, Javier Cortez, Susan Miller, Mike McGuire, Lisa Nichols, Ron Salazar, and John Rexroat

**Minister:** Rev. David McArthur

**Advisory Board Members:**

**Absent:** Barbara Tuck Smith

**Guests:** Ali True and Dan Dillele; Jan Rudolph, Deanna Early, and Rick Stober.

**Opening Payer** Meeting opened with prayer by Rev. David @ 7:25

Suzanne moved we ratify the board officers as elected at the December Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike McGuire. Passed Unanimously.

Susan Miller: President

Ron Salazar: President

Suzanne Perry Paige, Treasurer

John Rexroat Secretary

**Congregational Input** (including feedback board has received)

A time for

members to share with the board issues and observations (

Mike commented that the Concord Centre Rep who was responsible for monitoring us at the Crab feed said that we were the cleanest and nicest group she has ever had.

Lisa said Rev David's Tuesday night class is great. 60-people.

**Gratitude :Ana**

Margaret Schreiber & Eric (Ali)

Tyler Snortum Phelps and Family

For the Uniteens/YOU group for their wonderful work. (Mike)

Concord Centre, Karen, Katherine, Sandy (John to do Letter on Letter Head)

Susan Kifer (Lisa)

**Spiritual sharing** Ron.

Many ideas to talk about but they all seem to be about prosperity. Spiritual Center but physically missing. So many things exposed and how it feels when they pile up. Learning big lessons that prosperity is not about money. Each of us brings our own gifts and be fully present.  
Next Month: Suzanne.

**Visioning:**

The board spent time in meditation and sharing of our visions.

**Enhancement Focus:**

*One aspect of the church is explored in depth and examined as to our focus, priority and direction. This can at times be with members of that team present with the board. For January What do members of the board do as spiritual practice? Wow, what a group of great souls.*

**Business Meeting:**

Agenda Additions to today’s agenda 8:35

**Routine Business:**

1. The minutes of the December regular board meeting were E-mailed to all members on Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> and a corrected copy on January 23<sup>rd</sup> . All corrections having been made, John moved that the minutes from the December meeting be accepted as corrected. Seconded by Suzanne Motion passed unanimously.
  
2. Financial Report (Summary and Questions)  
Suzanne reported. First written report for the board. A great addition to our reporting system.  
Year ended with a positive balance of \$ 599.87  
Income and expenses both ran approx 93% of budget for the year.

Tithes for’s income in November \$ 3,285  
 \$ 2200 Unity Association  
 \$ 300 West Central Region AUC  
 \$ 250 Silent Unity  
 \$ 285 Interfaith Council  
 \$ 250 “Unity in Naperville” a pioneer Church started by Kitty Benson

Moved by Rev D. 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Tithing Passed Unanimously.

3. Minister's report: See attached.  
Board Retreat Feb. 23rd at Susan Miller's.  
Max Feb 3rd.
4. President's report: See attached.  
First meeting for new Pres. No report from outgoing Pres. This page left blank on purpose.

### **Old Business:**

1. Crab Feed Report  
Wow, what fun. Will be a good profit. New Ideas for next year.  
Next Year Jan 16<sup>th</sup>. Trying for Saturday but not this year.
2. Grant writing: Communication from Ray. His contact is booked and cannot work with us at this time. Lisa will take a class and learn how to write grants.
3. Ali having had to leave, Rev. David gave a brief presentation about the construction plans. Basic drawings to be followed by the estimates for costs.

### **New Business:**

1. Approve Advisory Board candidates  
Deanna Early  
Jan Rudolph  
Ali True

All Candidates having indicated their willingness to serve a one year term the board approved these people by acclamation.

2. Centerpoint Online: Much discussion about the options and how they may impact the Center and our programs.
3. CAC: 4 teams needing team leaders for Saturdays. One time per month.  
Missing two and possibly three leaders.  
The Board will take on this Saturday (1/26) in hopes of getting some volunteers for leadership roles. If none are forthcoming we will need to consider ceasing the program.
4. Board Meeting Dates

Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>  
March 27<sup>th</sup>  
April 24<sup>th</sup>  
May 22<sup>nd</sup>  
June 26<sup>th</sup>  
July 24<sup>th</sup>  
August 28<sup>th</sup>  
September 25<sup>th</sup>  
October 26<sup>th</sup>  
November 20<sup>th</sup>  
December 18<sup>th</sup>

5. Review Task agreements

There being no further business the President declared the meeting adjourned at 10:57 PM Closing prayer by Rev. David

**Next Board meeting, will be February 28<sup>th</sup> 6:45PM**  
*Preceded by dinner at 6:00 – in the YE Room. Need a few folks at 5:30 to set up the tables and chairs if you can help Please.*

Respectfully submitted

John F. Rexroat  
Secretary, Board of Trustees.



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Minister's Report - Rev. David McArthur  
2008, *Creating with Love*

January 24, 2008

Dear Board Members,

**JUST COMPLETED: - Wow and thank you to all who made these happen!**

**Family Solstice Party**  
**Christmas with Homeless**  
**Christmas Eve Services (family and adult)**  
**Susan Hanshaw**  
**Burning Bowl Service**  
**Crab Feed !!!!!!!!!**

Capital Development Team

- Proceeding with drawings for estimations of the costs of various phasing possibilities
- After they have the estimates, they will be bringing the phasing questions to the board for decisions.
- Estimate of when they will have the numbers is in March which probably means the first chance for the board to address the question is at the April Board meeting.

Love in Action

- This month Love in Action had a detailed report to the congregation which was included in the bulletin
- Presentation of LIA tithe checks in January so far Heifer International & Institute of HeartMath
  - Engineers without boarders this Sunday
  - Drs without boarders to be sent by mail
  - Silent Unity to be presented by John and David next week at Unity Village
  - Kitty Benson's church to be presented personally at their service by John Rexroat

Choir

- Carmen Marie Coleman's last Sunday as our choir director was this past Sunday. She is very heart connected with the choir and helped to make this transition very smooth.
- Rick Stober is our new choir director. He and I are still exploring his compensation. I will have a report to you when we have an agreement which will need to be approved by the board at that time. It is less than the budgeted amounts we have provided. Part of the detail we are working on is the extent to which the choir will need to contribute to make it all work.

Adult Education

- Susan Hanshaw Dec 30<sup>th</sup> Services and Workshop - Completed
- Treasure Mapping with Deandra – next Sunday
- Dreams with Lee Haworth – last Sunday
- New classes began and we have a very successful response
  - Communication – Ali True
  - 12 Powers – Ron Salazar
  - Way Beyond the Secret – Rev David
  - The Tao of Motherhood – Ciel Gierke
  - Healing Yourself and Healing the Earth – Will Scott
- Georgia Stathis This Friday - January 24
- **Rev. Max Lafser Feb 1, 2 & 3**
  - **Conflict Resolution workshop**

○ **Sunday services Feb. 3rd**

Pastoral Ministry

- Our heart ministers continue to do a tremendous job of being in prayer with people and supporting them in personal crisis.

Children and Family ministry

- We had lots of successful events over the holidays by our youth educating ministry. Remember to thank these wonderful people.
- Children's Church Winter Solstice Party Dec 22
- Christmas Caroling at Kensington Dec. 21
- Family Christmas Eve service Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>
- Leadership training this last weekend

Upcoming Events

- Max Lafser Feb 1, 2 & 3
- Center Silent Retreat, Villa Maria del Mar in Santa Cruz – Feb 19-21.
- Board Retreat at Susan's – Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>
- HeartMath Seminar March 1<sup>st</sup>
- EASTER – March 23<sup>rd</sup> at Dean Leshar Regional Center for the Arts
- Radical Forgiveness – Sheila Gautreaux-Lee April 6

David's Schedule

- Renewal in silence Jan 8, 9, 10. – thank you – it meant so much to my renewal
- Jan 28 – Feb 5, Association of Unity Churches International Board and team meetings at Unity Village.
  - Jan 28-31 is our committee or team meetings. I am on board liaison to the by-laws team.
  - Feb 1-4 is our Board of Trustee meetings. I fly home on Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday
- Feb 19-21 – Retreat with 20 congregants at Villa Maria del Mar
- Board Retreat Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Important Board Dates**

- **Max Lafser Feb 1, 2 & 3**
- **Board Retreat at Susan's – Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>**
- **Feb 28<sup>th</sup> – Board meeting**
- **HeartMath Seminar March 1<sup>st</sup>**
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With a grateful heart,  
Rev. David

**God's prospering, healing, harmonizing love flows freely through our Center  
and through all its people. We are greatly blessed.**



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**Treasurer’s Report – Suzanne Perry-Paige  
 December 2007**

Balance Sheet

<b>Current Cash – Checking (1/21/08)</b>	<b>\$25,323.78</b>	<b>Approx. cash required/mo:</b>
	<b>\$30,000.00</b>	
<b>All Current Assets</b>	<b>\$157,645.90</b>	<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>
		<b>Includes Designated, Endowment,</b>
<b>LIA</b>		
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	<b>\$563,492.88</b>	<b>Building and land grossly</b>
<b>undervalued</b>		
<b>Increase in Assets – 2006 to 2007</b>	<b>\$ 77,711.21</b>	<b>(12/31 of each year)</b>

Profit & Loss – Monthly Comparison

	<b>December</b>	<b>Year</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>\$14,507.79</b>	<b>\$599.87</b>
<b>November NOI</b>		<b>(14,000.44)</b>

Profit & Loss – Budget vs. Actual

<b>YTD Income</b>	<b>93.2% of budget</b>
<b>YTD Expense</b>	<b>93.9% of budget</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income Year End</b>	<b>(\$3,375.13)</b>

Below the Line – Designated Funds

Transferred \$5,771.93 into operating income as year end adjustment (from 2006 and 2007)  
 Balance \$91,856.19

Love In Action

Income	\$171,461.64
Expense	(68,546.66)
Balance	\$102,914.98