

Unity Center of Walnut Creek
Board of Trustees Meeting
January 22th 2009
Location: Book Center at Unity Center.

A quorum being present the meeting was called to order by Acting President Ron Salazar at 7:00 PM

Present:

Board Members: Suzanne Perry Paige, Mike McGuire, Lisa Nichols, Donna Early, Ron Salazar, Jan Rudolph, Donna Bedford, David Petersen, and Kathy Bate, and John Rexroat

Minister: Rev. David McArthur

Advisory Board Members: Ali True & Tricia Linden

Absent:

Guests: Vi Callaghan, Dan Dellette

The board read its shared agreements together.

At the December Meeting the board, in a straw vote Suzanne PerryPaige was tentatively elected to serve as president for 2009.

Lisa moved that the board confirm the Straw vote from the December meeting and elect Suzanne Perry Paige as the President of the Board. Second by Rev. David.
Motion passed unanimously.

Congregational Input

Marion Crew spoke to the board about a number of things.

First is the Be Peace Conference.

March 6 and 7.

Expanding the Program to the Latin American community

Javier Cortez will function as interpreter.

Jan Rudolph has agreed to Handle Marketing

Trish Linden led the financial team to create a budget.

Website created by Shari Dyer and about ready to open for business.

Sandy Stober is our liaison with Rita Marie Johnson.

Ciel Has stepped up to be the Co-Chair of Be Peace

We are negotiating with the Lunardi's shopping area for office space. Need volunteers for the move to our new facilities.

May Event: Training program of Be Peace. With Rita Marie Johnson.

Jan: We have lots of talent in the marketing committee but need graphics designer. Ali stepped up.

Leslie came to speak to us about the crab feed.

28 February 6 to 10.

Good crab is available. Coming from Oregon. Dan Delette says he has the old banner.

Butter: Warming Dishes with tea candles.

Raffle Baskets

Spiritual sharing: Next meeting Kathy.

Gratitude

Mirabi for the Children's Christmas play.

Kathy mentioned that the choir has acknowledged Yvonne, Scott, Rick and others for all the work on the Christmas activities.

Enhancement Focus and Visioning:

The Board 2009. What are we here to do?

David spoke about his experiences on the association's Board and how it related to our own board here at the Center. Look at the CEO of the Association who is a leader and not a manager. They, like us have the role of taking the organization forward, not the day in day out business.

We have had times when it was difficult to know what the board's role is. Yet we need to support things together as a board. It can be frustrating balancing the many roles we fill in the Center and to still be available when needed as a board. How do we find that balance? How does each of us decide what is ours to do?

Business Meeting:

Agenda: Additions to today's agenda.

Status of Grant Proposal.

Routine Business:

Election of Officers

Mike Nominated Jan Rudolph for Vice president

Second by Kathy

Elected by Unanimous vote

Jan Nominated Lisa for the office of Treasurer

Second by Donna

Elected by Unanimous vote

David nominated John Rexroat as Secretary, 2nd by Mike
Elected by Unanimous vote

President Suzanne introduced her nominees for Advisers
Tricia Linden and Ali True
The president's recommendations were approved unanimously.

1. The minutes of the December 2008 regular board meeting were E-mailed to all members on Dec. 19th and a corrected copy on January 19th. All corrections having been made, John moved that the minutes from the December meeting be accepted as corrected.

Seconded by Kathy. Motion Passed by Acclamation.

2. Financial Report: Together we read our prosperity Commitment
See attached Treasurer's report.
It was a very good year.

3. Minister's report
Party on 2/27 for David and Suzanne experience on Wife Swap.
Dessert and Coffee: Kathy Bate to run the show.

TITHING

Tithes based upon net operating income for November \$4,998

\$ 2,200 Unity Association
\$ 400 West Central Region AUC
\$ 300 Silent Unity
\$ 200 Interfaith Council
\$ 300 "Unity in Naperville" a pioneer Church started by Kitty Benson
\$ 398 Support the Connecticut Ministry of Bonnie Ashe.
\$ 100 Unity Ministerial Students
\$ 1,000 Rasur Foundation

Moved by Rev D. 2nd by John Tithing Passed Unanimously.

4. President's report:
None Presented.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. LIA: 10 Sunday countdown to all of our changes. Starts
2/1/09 with the President.
2/8 Mike
2/15 John

2/22 Jan
3/1
3/8
3/15
3/22 Lisa
3/29
4/5

2. Fall Event: Need a volunteer to find a leader for the event.
Ali and Donna will be in the search committee
3. 2009 - Need to schedule a board retreat At Rev D's new house? When 3/28/09
8:00 AM to 2:00 PM
4. Grants. Will be applying for a grant \$150,000 including the cost of the lift.
5. Board member introduction.
When: February 8th. All three services. Picture also.

Suggested board meeting dates for 2009

Feb 26
Mar 26 Where will we be meeting for the rest of the year?
Apr 23
May 28
Jun 25
Jul 23
Aug 27
Sep 24
Oct 22
Nov 19
Dec 16 Note that this is a Wednesday

Special request that Ali be funded to participate in the Costa Rica trip as our resident expert in NVC.

Rev David moved support for her in the amount of \$1,900. 50% is to be a tithe to the Rasur Foundation and 50% is to be funded by the Center 2nd by John. Motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business the President declared the regular meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM

Next Board meeting, will be February 26th at 7:00PM

Preceded by dinner at 6:00 – in the YE Room or the Book Center depending upon class schedules. Always need a few folks at 5:30 to set up the tables and chairs. If you can help Please show up a little early. Thanks to Kathy who has volunteered to be the kitchen assistant next month. Remember, if you help cook, you escape the clean up.

Respectfully submitted

John F. Rexroat
Secretary, Board of Trustees.



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Minister's Report - Rev. David McArthur
2009, Creating with Love

January 22, 2009

Dear Board Members,

Wow – We have started the year with a lot happening. It is exciting and engaging for many people. The major things are:

- Be Peace conference March 6,7
- Our transition Sunday space – Heather Farms
- Our transition Office and class space – in progress
- LIA leading our countdown to our new journey from Geary Rd
- Putting together the new teams to create each Sunday as a wonderful experience
- Easter is just around the corner
- Howard Martin from Heart Math coming to speak and do a workshop for us
- Patricia Grabow returning to share her book and initiate small groups
- Collaboration with Health Medicine Forum on Integral Healing Group
- New Classes just starting
- SEE classes for the first time though SEE Super Saturdays
- A special Wife Swap review with David and Susan Petersen
- Crab Feed happening soon - February 28!
- Our Building approval from Walnut Creek planning commission happening soon
- Designs for bids in progress
- Meetings with banks for building loans happening soon
- A journey of over 20 of our people to Costa Rica just weeks away
- Rev. David to spend 10 days in Unity Village with the teams of Board of the Association
- New Heart Ministers welcomed this Sunday

COMPLETED!

- Choir's Special Christmas Sunday - Dec 21
- **Christmas Eve Family Candle Lighting Service –**
- **Christmas Eve Adult Candle Lighting Service**
- **Burning Bowl Service New Years Eve**
- Kensington Singing 12/19 6:30pm
- Making a special Christmas Gift 12/14 1-5pm YE Room
- Kids Christmas Party 12/24 2-4pm YE Room

Adult Education – Here are our new classes:

- Manifest Your Soul mate
 - Mondays at 7:00 pm with Kathleen Sims
- The Spiritual Alchemy of Grief
 - Mondays at 7:00 pm with Beth Bottorff
- Universal Laws of Abundance
 - Tuesdays at 7:00 pm with Reverend David

- Conscious Eating for Spiritual Health
 - Wednesdays at 7:00 pm with Angie Lambert and Sheri Miller
- Unity Principles and Where They Come From
 - Thursdays at 7:00 pm with Mike McGarvey and Ron Salazar

S.E.E. Super Saturdays

- Unity's Spiritual Education and Enrichment Credit Classes in the East Bay
 - Four powerful credit classes you will get to take over five weeks at various Unity churches. We hosted the first on Jan 10th and the last will be at UCWC on Feb. 7th

David's Schedule upcoming - January and February Travels

- The Association of Unity Churches International Board and Team meetings
 - January 26 to February 4th.
 - Rev David meets with teams (committees working with different parts of Unity's International Organization in their implementation of the Strategic Plan.
 - The Board meeting follows these meetings to implement the recommendations made by the teams.
- The Be Peace Costa Rica Tour Feb 13 – 23 is over two Sundays
- The result of these two events is that Rev. David is not here for three of those four Sundays. For this reason, I have scheduled
 - Rev. Moses Sturdivant as a guest speaker for Feb 2nd with a special metaphysical understanding of Prosperity from the Hebrew Scriptures and
 - Howard Martin Feb. 15 from Heart Math one of their outstanding national presenters.

Important Board Dates

- **February 26th – Board Meeting**
- **February 28th – Crab Feed**

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.**