

Unity Center of Walnut Creek
Board of Trustees Meeting
October 23th 2008
Location: Book Center at Unity Center.

A quorum being present the meeting was called to order by President Susan Miller at 7:04 PM

Present:

Board Members: Suzanne Perry Paige, Susan Miller, Mike McGuire, Lisa Nichols, Jan Rudolph, Barbara Tuck Smith, and John Rexroat

Minister: Rev. David McArthur

Advisory Board Members: Ali True

Absent: Ron Salazar, Deanna Early, Tricia Linden.

Guests: Dan Delette

Opening Payer Meeting opened with prayer by Rev. David @ 7:04
The board then read our shared agreement.

Congregational Input

Spending 5 minutes a day on peace. What am I going to say: the song peace is the answer.

From a newcomer – back for the second time. Could be more energy.

Another who said we were a little more Christ centric than she was looking for.

Spiritual sharing: Lisa

Consider something you believe about yourself. S something in your life that you be live about yourself and defend. Submit that that is a habit. A choice we make. Wow

What happens when we negotiate with ourselves? Make the process work.

LISA – Please send me your notes. This was awesome!!!!

For November: Suzanne

Gratitude

Mike McGarvey: For work way over the call of his job.

Veronica for the Communication Team.

Kathryn McArthur for her countless hours & talent on the Centerpoint

Ciel Gierke for all her efforts on the Heartmath Retreat.

Visioning: Take the image of our new self and send our love to this place See the people, love the people, be one with all of us.

Enhancement Focus:

LIA plans were proposed in a different time. We now need to re-orient ourselves to the current economical situation.

Congregational input was very positive for going forward.

The board discussed options but the congregations approval is still a viable thing to go forward with.

Possibility of support from Grants.

Possibility of some self financing with faith bonds.

Business Meeting:

Agenda: Additions to today's agenda.

Tithing For LIA: Ali NVC Certifications. \$6K. Help requested from Bay area NVC and for Ali.

Routine Business:

1. The minutes of the September regular board meeting were E-mailed to all members on September 25th and a corrected copy on October 18th. All corrections having been made, John moved that the minutes from the September meeting be accepted as corrected.

Seconded by David. Approved by acclamation.

2. Financial Report: Together we read our prosperity Commitment
See attached Treasurer's report.

3. Minister's Report. See attached report(s)

November 1 we are co-sponsoring an event for children of Veterans with the SIAM organization/

Nov 9th we are hosting the Interfaith Council. 7 to 9 PM.

Super SEE starting at our Center for consecutive Saturdays for SEE credits. Starts January 10th 2009.

Proposal from Heather Farms for swing space. Should be here soon.

TITHING

Tithes based upon net operating income for September \$3,332 -

\$ 2100 Unity Association

\$ 400 West Central Region AUC

\$ 300 Silent Unity

\$ 232 Interfaith Council

\$ 300 "Unity in Naperville" a pioneer Church started by Kitty Benson
Moved by Rev D. 2nd by Susan Tithing Passed Unanimously.

4. President's report: See attached report.

At the Saturday meeting the Executive committee reviewed our plans and the board's decision to do the entire project all together.

US Bank was not an institution that dealt with sub-prime loans and is still making regular loans.

The board requests Authorization to pledge the property of the Center as collateral for a loan to complete the love in action project. Further, that this new obligation shall not exceed 1.2 million dollars.

The board agreed to this proposal by unanimous consent.

It is to be noted that this loan will also be paid down in increments beyond the regular mortgage payments by the application of incoming LIA funds.

Old Business:

1. Nominating Committee report:

Four people are currently being put forth as

Jan Rudolph

Donna Bedford

David Peterson

And for a one year term will be

Kathy Bate

New Business:

1. Annual Meeting: T

a. Treasurer's Report

b. Budget Report.

The 2009 budget was presented. Barbara TS moved that we approve the proposed budget as presented. Second by Mike. Motion passed unanimously.

2. New executive director of Love in Action. Don Shaw

3. Proposed Annual Gala 10/31/2009 Halloween/ Auction, etc., etc. Shadelands Sign it up now.

By Acclamation we agreed to that date and the concept.

There being no further business the President declared the regular meeting adjourned at 10:13 PM

Next Board meeting, will be November 20th 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. Barbara TS will be sous chef for the evening.

Respectfully submitted

John F. Rexroat
Secretary, Board of Trustees.



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

October 23, 2008

Dear Board Members,

QUESTION FOR THIS MEETING

At our special board meeting on Oct 11th we discussed the need to use this meeting to re-examine our phasing and time schedule in light of the financial chaos our world is in. The intention is to be sensitive to our membership and to make sure that our steps forward are still in keeping with our guidance. We held the town meeting and met good questions and no expression of financial concern about our proceeding. We did share with them that we might have to alter our time schedule because, as we learned from Trisha, the banks may not be able to proceed until things stabilize a bit.

In this board meeting we need to examine any concerns that have arisen and attune to our guidance. Knowing, just as we have been sharing with everyone for the last two Sundays that we are guided through times of upheaval by great wisdom and we are prospered every step along the way.

UCWC hosting the Interfaith Counsel Annual Meeting

- November 9, 2008 7:00 to 9:00 PM
- Generous Unity support and care will make all welcome

Unity of Naperville

- Thank you from Rev. Kitty for the continued support of her church.

YE Program upcoming

- YOU's Camp Out 9/26 – 9/28 – held with great success
 - Kids sang their version of green submarine to us in gratitude
- Halloween during Annual Meeting 10/26
- Kids Fall Rally 11/7- 11/9
- 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

Capital Development Team

With our decision made to proceed with the total project as a unit, our next steps are:

- COMMUNICATION - Putting together the communication package to the community and the congregation
 - Veronica is chairing this important activity
 - Communication went out to the community last Sunday
- FINANCING - Arranging financing
 - Susan Miller is chairing this team and they have begun their work
- SWING SPACE
 - Marion has checked out a number of possibilities
 - The most positive is Heather Farms for our Sunday services and Sunday school.
 - The capital development team estimates swing space will run us approx. \$24,000.
 - That amount is included in the 1.5mil budget.

Unity Coaching Center

- We have continued working on the development of a professional coaching center.
- Rob Seidenspinner and Veronica Wolf have created an excellent proposal for us to consider at this or the following board meeting.
 - Because we will be spending our time this meeting on the Love in Action project we will be looking at the coaching proposal at our November meeting.

Love in Action

- Ali True is releasing the position as our Love in Action coordinator in September. Know that Spirit is guiding us as the right person comes forward to lead our third and very successful year.

Adult Education (many thanks to our Adult Ed Curriculum Team)

- New workshop on Fillmore's Prosperity added to the schedule. Oct 19th
- New Classes began in September. Each runs for 8 weeks.
 - Communication for Couples and Families
 - Monday – Ali True
 - The Courage to Love
 - Monday - Will Smith
 - Metaphysics of the Old Testament
 - Tuesday - Rev. Moses Sturdivant
 - The Worlds Religions
 - Wednesday – Richard Miles
 - Connecting with Your Angels
 - Thursday – Jill Shinn and Dawn Colombo

Special Events Completed

- Andrew Oser workshop
- Town Hall meeting – Oct 12 - very good discussion

Special Events Upcoming

- Dr Len Saputo – Nov 16th Sunday services and workshop with Rev. David
- Thanksgiving service Nov 26 (Thanksgiving eve) by Heart Ministers
- Nov. 27 Thanksgiving dinner at our Center
- Native American Service – Nov. 30th let by Rob Seidenspinner

Pastoral Ministry

- New Heart Minister Classes began.

David's Schedule past

- September 28th – Guest presenter Andrew Osier spoke while David and Kathryn vacationed in Santa Fe, New Mexico.
- October 3 & 4 – Asilomar retreat. David returned for our Sunday service.

David's Schedule upcoming

- October 18th - A special all day HeartMath retreat with Rev. David and HeartMath staff is being put on primarily for our Center at the Institute of HeartMath retreat center in Boulder Creek, CA.
- October 19 - Fillmore's Prosperity workshop held to support people at a time of economic chaos.
- Nov. 28 to Dec 1 – David and Kathryn are out of town

Important Board Dates

[Remember to sign up for Costa Rica trip!]

- **October 26 – Annual Membership Meeting**
- **November 7th – Auction Fundraiser**
- **November 20th – Nov. Board Meeting**
- **December 13th – Christmas Party**
- **December 18th – Dec. Board Meeting**

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
Meeting of October 23, 2008**

Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2008:

The total in all Checking/Savings accounts was \$183,330 – an increase of \$46,527 over 9/30/07. Current assets are at \$239,019 (including brokerage account and bookstore inventory). We ended the month with \$5,115 in our operating account after payment of all current bills and payroll. The Center also has substantial value in fixed assets including building, land, furniture and equipment.

Profit & Loss – Budget v. Actual through August:

Our first nine months (75% of the year) have been prosperous with income through the current month at 73.5% and expenses at 72.7%. With our major fund-raiser to look forward to, our year is expected to meet or exceed budget.

YTD Gross Profit (Including COGS):	Budget	\$335,775.00	75.0% of annual
	Actual	\$327,327.87	73.1%
YTD Expense:	Budget	\$333,204.00	75.0% of annual
	Actual	\$322,944.01	72.7%

Profit & Loss – Monthly Comparison

	September 2008	Year to Date
Net Ordinary Income	(\$ 2,639.08)	\$ 4,383.86
Total Income (4 Sundays)	\$33,914.76	342,528.25
Cost of Goods Sold	1,306.55	15,200.38
Gross Profit	32,608.21	327,327.87
Expense	\$35,247.29	322,944.01

Comments

The net ordinary income (income less expense) for both August and September were in the negative after seeing good profit earlier in the year. Because of early 2008 giving and other income, we remain with a positive \$4,383.86 year to date. The September income was boosted by the generous bequest of \$6,000 early

in the month. Love offerings are at budget for the year. Adult Ed events and bookstore literature are below expected. We look forward to a prosperous Casino night to contribute to our year's great ending.

Average weekly attendance for 2008 thru September remained at an average of 234 compared to 241 in 2007 and over 250 for the prior few years. New people continue to come to our services and hear the message and we know that those who are ready for great love and personal growth will continue to join us. For that, we are truly grateful!

Sent to you with love and gratitude,

Suzanne Perry-Paige



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President's Report
October 23, 2008
Board of Trustee's Meeting

Dear Board Members,

The October 12th Town Hall meeting went well. Approximately 50 congregants were in attendance and the energy was very positive. The Annual Membership Meeting is this Sunday, October 26, 2008. We will be:

1. Electing new Board of Trustee Members from the ballot submitted by the nominating committee, Ron Salazar, Chairperson.
2. Voting as a congregation on the authority to seek bank funding for the LIA project.

Marion Crew and Suzanne Perry Paige have continued to make many contacts, gather information and explore our swing space options. Marion reports that Heather Farms is looking like a viable option. Leslie Tremaine reports that the office building where her office is located (2800 Pleasant Hill Road, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523) has office space available and the owner has indicated a willingness to offer the space at a low negotiable rate taking into consideration our non-profit status and our budget.

At the special call Board Meeting on Saturday, October 11, 2008, we discussed the LIA project and current economic climate in our country. Tricia Linden reassured us that lenders will have money to loan and that it might be a little slow on the uptake. As a group we will take a wait and see attitude. Since God is good ALL THE TIME, we reaffirmed that we will follow Guidance and know that the right and perfect outcome is manifesting.

Budget and Finance will present a **BALANCED BUDGET** to the Board at this October 23, 2008, meeting.

Casino Royale ticket prices increase to \$40 after 26OCT2008. Remember to take advantage of the current savings by purchasing your tickets now. Also, please cull your individual spheres of influence and actively support ticket sales.

Thanks to Lisa Nichols for the Spiritual Share at the October meeting!

Respectfully submitted,
Susan E Miller, UCWC Board President