



UNTY NW REGION BOARD MINUTES for FACE TO FACE 9.25.17

PRESENT: Board Chair, Rich Broderhausen; Vice Chair, Karen Lindvig; Secretary, Rosella Sims; Treasurer, Jack Eckrem; Member, Terry Murray; Member, Rachel Simpson; Regional. Rep. Cheryl Rohret; L.U.T. Rep. Connie Munro; Judicatory Rep. David Elliot; and Karen Breen-James, Executive Assistant

OPENING PRAYER: At 9:10am opening prayer was given by Board Chair, Rich Broderhausen

CHURCHES HELD IN PRAYER were Alternative Ministries:

Unity Spiritual Life Center of Southern Idaho (Twin Falls) ID which has been dissolved	Cheryl
Evolving Spirit Ministries, Rev. Billie Blain, Milwaukie, OR	Rosella
Soul Matters-Spirit Works, Rev. Anna Joy Shouse	Terry
and Unity Worldwide Ministries Northwest Region Liaison Tim Alderman	Rachel

CALL TO ORDER/CHECK-IN: By all attendees

APPROVAL OF CORRECTED MINUTES FROM Board call on 8.17.17 Approved

*MOTION: ONE (1) WEEK AFTER MINUTES ARE EMAILED TO BOARD MEMBERS FOR APPROVAL AND THERE ARE NO ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS THE MINUTES WILL BE CONSIDERED APPROVED. EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT WILL THEN EMAIL MINUTES TO THE STAFF, WEBSITE AND OUR UWM LIAISON.

MOTION: Rich Broderhausen 2nd: Jack Eckrem Approved

REPORTS:

CHAIR'S LETTER TO NW REGION was read and approved by all	Rich
REGIONAL REP. LETTER was read and approved by all	Cheryl

*Noted: 5-mile rule (agreement) for ministry locations should be re-instated by UWM

NGU Report: (Next Generation Unity) Rachel

Discussion:

- Member Services in Y.O.U. are very important
- Jennie attended Rendezvous so graduating Y.O.U.ers know about NGU
- There will not be a NGU Retreat for 2017
- Spring Retreat location will be scheduled soon
- Monthly reports will be sent to the Board
- Rachel Simpson is NGU Board Liaison, she will have a report from Jennie in November
- Jennie will update NGU information on NW Region Website

L.U.T. Report: (Licensed Unity Teacher) Connie

Discussion:

- On-line Classes are ½ price for L.U.T.s
- The status of L.U.T.s with Unity Worldwide Ministries is an issue
- L.U.T.s are not members of Unity Worldwide Ministries
- There were no new L.U.T.s in the NW Region this year
- It is presumed that rather than becoming an LUTs many people are looking to get into ministry via alternative routes
- Most like in-person classes so they can get to know each other or for personal growth and education
- Connie expressed concern about being denied access to active list of LUTs by the UWM

CONFERENCE 2017 REPORT

Karen B-J

Board guidelines and schedules for conference and annual meeting were reviewed
 Guidelines for announcements will be on lectern
 Gratuity check for caterers to be decided after other expenses totaled
 Financial report will be before love offering and dedication blessings after love offering
 For introductions it is best to use whole name of organizations
 Dedication blessing will be after love offering
 Policy/guidelines for Conference scholarship (travel)

On Hold

BOARD ELECTIONS

Discussion:

2017 Nominating committee is Connie Munro, Rich Broderhausen, and Karen Lindvig
 Nominating committee to be appointed 3 months prior to Annual meeting by Board
 Chair

Committee to expand to ministry leaders interested in being of service
 to Region

By laws to be updated for 2018

David

BOARD TERMS:

Discussion:

Connie's 2nd term as L.U.T. Rep. is up in 2018. L.U.T.s vote for L.U.T. Rep. in their meeting
 Jack's 2nd term as Board Treasurer will be up in 2018, Terry Murray will train to become
 Board Treasurer in 2018. She will be copied on all financial information.

Terry will be new signer on Checks

Board officer elections will take place after Annual meeting on Wednesday

FINANCIAL REPORT: P&L; P&L Year to Date; Balance Sheet, Tithes for August

Jack

August had a shortfall of \$3,000.00 partially because of the "bonus" (pay back) to staff and reps.
 Board members are volunteer, Representatives are reimbursed for expenses
 Board job descriptions will be posted on the website
 Treasurer will need 2018 expenses for budget, especially travel expenses for Regional Rep.
 Individuals are also tithing to our Region
 Prosperity blessings was given by Karen L.

*MOTION: JACK ECKREM, BOARD TREASURER, TO HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO INVESTIGATE LAW
 REGARDING STATEMENT THAT NON-PROFIT MEMBERS THAT GROSS OVER \$12,000.00/YEAR
 MUST HAVE A BUSINESS LICENSE.

MOTION: CHERYL

2ND: TERRY

Approved

List to be made regarding questions at US Bank for Business License and Insurance

Jack & Terry

UNITEEN EVENTS:

Discussion:

Checking Youth Recommendation Policies at Unity Worldwide Ministries
 Uniteen events and Multi-gen event
 Only Uniteen events to be funded from Uniteen account

Rachel

Need clarity and legality questions answered by Bruce Verkruyse
Decisions to be made by end of 2017

BREAK FOR LUNCH
1:00 RETURN

UNITEEN EVENTS Continued:

Discussion:

Church Mutual to be contacted regarding coverage for all events	Jack & Terry
US Bank to be contacted by	Jack & Terry
Diane Venzera to be contacted by	Rich
Board will oversee all training information for counselors at events	

CONFERENCE 2018

Meeting with conference team Susan Henderson, Karen Lowe, Phillip Zemke, Jack Eckrem, Angela Eckrem, & Karen Breen-James to discuss Conference for 2018

Discussion:

Research Information for Conference 2014 – 2017 was shared	
We are the hosts for conference	
Question: Who and what do we serve?	
Purpose of Annual Conference: Retreat and Education (retreat experience & playful)	
By-law change needed for Conference	David
Who is Conference for? Leaders and/or all in ministries?	
Conference is our Main Event	
What if we had funds to reach out to small, far away Regional ministries to bring them to Conference?	
Gresham, OR canceled due to health reasons, asked to be held in prayer	
Unity Worldwide Ministries is holding convention in selected Regions	
Unity NW Region is considering having conference at different ministries	
Form is completed for ministries to host Conference	
Form to be added to website	Karen B-J
Consider alternating between a ministry location and Menucha for Conference	
Evaluation forms will address this question	
Location may draw different attendees	
SW Region Conference does not have a presenter – they had retreat days and conversation	
Menucha is more like a retreat location	
There are more 1-day attendees when Conference is near a large city	
Purpose – To be of service to all and have a business meeting	
By-laws state NW Region has 2 meetings: One at UWM Convention and one at NW Region Conference	
Credits are also to be considered	
Are needs being met?	
Alternate between a retreat and education conference?	
Statement of Purpose is board responsibility	David
Create sacred space	
Combine education piece with retreat	
Board members are staying longer on board and learning what conference team does	
Matthew and Richard will report on Conference at a ministry	Karen B-J

Vision Statement for Region was read:

We are a community of powerful, prosperous, successful people who are committed to Unity ministry. As a Region we pray together, reach out, and care for each other. Through the sharing of resources and information, and the education and training of our leadership, we encourage ministries to thrive. We utilize systems, processes, and technology to enhance our capacity to minister with ease and flexibility. In God, we enthusiastically do together more than we can do alone.

Purpose Statement for Region (in by-laws) was read:

The purpose of this organization is to assist each other, mutually, in the conduct, operating, and management of the respective members' centers, churches and study groups through means of conferences, consultations, prayer, and education; and to promote and encourage the spiritual growth of the area centers, churches, and study groups through its minister, leaders, and teachers; and to hold open discussion, to examine progressive ideas, that through this association and fellowship we may bring forth an increasingly effective presentation of the teachings of Jesus Christ, as interpreted by the Unity School of Christianity, d.b.a. unity, Unity Village, Missouri, and the Association of Unity Churches International, a nonprofit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the state of Georgia with headquarters at Lee's summit, Missouri, hereinafter referred to as the Association.

Board and Conference Team will evaluate 2017 before decisions on 2019, which gives us two years to prep for Conference 2019 to be at a ministry

2018: Location to be Menucha

Date: September 24-27, 2018. Board and Team arrive on 23rd.

Possible presenters for 2018 and/or 2019: Jean Houston, Tom Thorp, Robert Brumet, Tom Shepard, Brenne Brown, Paul Hasselbeck, Linda Martella-Whitsett, Mark Hicks, Paulette Pipe, Jim Blake, Tony Boehm, Sharif Abdullah, Don Miguel Ruiz and sons, Jennifer Lovejoy Ph.D., John Strickland, Jim Rosemergy, Howard Cesar

*MOTION: 2018 ANNUAL CONFERENCE TO BE AT MENUCHA WITH PURPOSE TO BE RETREAT AND EDUCATION. CONFERENCE TEAM WITH APPROVAL OF THE BOARD WILL USE A UNITY POOL TO SELECT PRESENTER(S) AND MUSICIANS

MOTION: Connie

2nd: Terry

Approved

CLOSING PRAYER: with Board and Conference Team

MEETING WITH STAFF: Karen Breen-James and Jackie Green

NEXT MEETING DATE: Board call on Thursday, November 16, 2017 at 3pm

Respectfully submitted by

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