

Opening Prayer

Call to Order: 10:05 AM

Financial Report

December looks good – we had a profit and are hoping this continues

On checking Linda A. saw that the Balance Sheet shows a line for Paycheck Protection Loan as a liability but it is not entered as income.

Jane-motion to approve financials

Terry – seconded

Approved

Terry offered to help Linda A. create a budget for 2021

Conversations

What is our purpose. How do we give a benefit to our members?

Purpose/Interim Mission: To connect our Region through prayer, caring and shared resources in order to advance the movement of shared awakening and spiritual transformation

How do we give benefit to our members?

Jane – sees our role as a Board as “connective glue”

Prayer Partners – First with the Board and then among Region ministers

System of mentors for new leaders

Terry – weekly Zoom call for leaders to connect – call leaders to invite them

Barbara – contacting smaller churches and asking how Region can support them

Act on top one or two things

Get back to all of them

Terry – spending money on online marketing

Advertise midday meditations

Offering Monthly educational piece – e.g. HeartMath

Terry - Is Unity Christian? Is Unity interfaith?

Unity – Practical Christianity

Unity lives beyond a particular religious designation.

Unity is a way of thinking and being.

Jane – Can Youth programs grow in present times?

In the past, dynamic youth programs came out of big churches

Should we now invest less in youth programs

David – we need to reinvent the youth programs

If part of our role is to support youth programs, we need to learn how to do that

We need to re-examination of how to support youth

Linda Spencer – To summarize, Region’s purpose is education, connection, mentoring leaders, youth, social consciousness, universal consciousness.

Planning

Our interim mission is to connect our region through prayer, caring and shared resources in order to advance the movement of shared awakening and spiritual transformation.

Jane – Regarding the monthly educational piece:

It would be good to start with one such as David offering HeartMath
Call ministers and spiritual leaders inviting them to join,
During the break-outs they would have a chance to connect
Set up prayer partners in the context of that

A separate series dealing with what are Unity teachings that are relevant in this time

Another speaker series led by young people who have something important to say

Linda A – recently talked with Philip Zemke from Bozeman

There are so many of our member churches that don't participate in the Region

Is there a way to get them involved?

If we got a really dynamic speaker, could we get some of the people who aren't involved in the
Region?

We need to Invite people to be in community with us

There is a need for people to talk about their experience of ministry in the present circumstances

Knowing that they're not alone

This is why we're talking about monthly connection times – not everyone will come but keep inviting

David - In order for this idea to be successful

- We need to have a personal connection with ministries
- We need to invite people into this bigger process of connection and sharing with each other and with people in community

Terry – suggested format

12-15 minute presentation

1 hour together

Allow people's connection to happen

What happened to the idea that we were going to have pieces of the Conference available online?

Rachel – we're almost there

Have dealt with technical problems and it needs editing

That won't include the music

What we will do in the next few months

Spiritual leaders

Connecting monthly – workshop and connecting time including prayer partners

Something for the people at large

What are things people are aching for that we in Unity have tools for?

Ministers can put it out to their communities

Maybe some marketing to the greater community

Rachel – a tiered approach

Can start monthly connection for ministers right away

Can deal with approaching greater community second

Barbara willing to call ministries – will email her list to Terry

Terry envisions an open Zoom meeting (like AA meeting) once a week for ministers to connect and be supported

Response to a common need

An opportunity for ministers to meet regularly to share deeply

We want to see you and know you

Topics that we can weave in

Board members will contact their ministries

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Do we want to start with the monthly meeting along with the weekly one or do the monthly thing after? We can talk about that at the next Board Meeting

Conference – Building Bridges: Touching the World with Our Truth

Several Tracks

Inclusivity – Racial Equity in our centers

Resurrecting classic Unity teachings – e.g. Lisa Davis “Twelve Powers”

Technology – how do we move forward as Unity in a technical world

Social action panel

Getting ready to send out a call for presenters/presentations

Aiming for one musician who can weave through the Conference

Terry recommends John Stringer

Wisdom spots – still waiting to see who wants to present

Barbara – new LUT at Unity Spokane Karen Dunmore; three that entered Ministerial Program this fall – Karen Lowe from North Bend, Pam Gutierrez from Unity of the Valley and Cylvia Hayes from Bend

Closing Prayer – 3:15 Linda Spencer

Next Meeting – Feb 10 2:30 PT