

Minutes of Special Board of Trustees Meeting
Unity Church of Lawrence
May 20, 2013

Agenda Items:

- I. Opening Prayer, Jay Pryor
- II. Summary of Agenda
- III. Commitment to Unity Principles and Unity Association
- IV. Financial Status
- V. Special Meeting-Review of letter and findings after bylaws evaluation and consultation with Unity Association
- VI. Congregant Feedback
- VII. Other Issues
- VIII. Plan of action proposal
- IX. Closing Prayer

Board Members present were Jay Pryor, Russell Montague, Laura Snider, Linda Herzberg, Geoffrey McCall, and Marsene Feldt. Ted Smith was absent.

Opening prayer was lead by Jay Pryor.

Summary of agenda: The main topic for tonight was to be finances.

Commitment to Unity Principles and Unity Association does not seem to be a problem at this time. We have some upcoming classes to help us refresh and learn about Unity Principles.

Financial Status:. We are not generating enough revenue to pay our bills. Monies coming in cover the mortgage, the utilities, and not much more.

A motion was made by Russell, and seconded by Marsene. The motion reads as follows:

“Put together a plan of action to get the church back on financial track by September 1, 2013. The plan will be presented to the Board on May 28, 2013 by Russell and Geoffrey.”

The motion was unanimously passed.

A 2nd motion was made by Russell, and seconded by Marsene. The motion reads as follows:

To not renew Rev. Shanna’s contract, or make any new financial commitments until we have \$10,000 in reserve. There will be no paid musicians or outside paid speakers until that time. Gary and Trish will be paid through the general fund”

The motion was passed with 5 yes votes and one no vote.

The board needs to do the following things immediately:

1. Contact Rev. Shannah about the decision we have reached. Linda will talk with Rev. Shannon tomorrow, Tuesday the 21st. She will be given the choice to continue to work through the end of her contract or not. She will be compensated in the manner that the bylaws state she should be for termination of service.
2. Contact the members of the church about a special meeting by written notice ten (10) days prior to the special meeting. The date for the special meeting is June 2, 2013. Letters will be mailed out by Russell, Laura, Marsene and Geoffery on Thursday May 23rd. The letter will also be posted on the church website and in the online newsletter.
3. The content of the letter will be:

OFFICIAL NOTICE
The Board of Trustees of
Unity Church of Lawrence
is calling a Special Meeting
June 2, 2013 @ 1pm
In the sanctuary of the church
at 900 Madeline Lane,
Lawrence, Kansas

A 3rd motion was made by Russell and seconded by Jay. The motion reads as follows:

“To have new bylaws ready for the board to vote on by the July board meeting.”

The motion passed with 6 yes and 0 no votes.

The meeting was dismissed with prayer by Jay.

Respectfully submitted
Laura Snider