

# **Unity Center for Spiritual Growth**

## **Annual Meeting    October 17, 2021**

**Call to order:** Matt Purinton 11:30 a.m.

**Opening Prayer:** Rev. Pat Bessey

**Member Role:**

27 in person

13 online

**Approval of Annual Meeting Meetings 2020:** passed unanimously

**Looking forward...**Rev. Pat and Matt

- Giving Tuesday focus: front roof. Matt is getting quotes. Giving Tuesday this year is 11/30
- 85th Anniversary in 2022: Pat proposes gathering a team together to coordinate and plan for a celebration next year.

**Community Comments:**

***What's Working:***

- Despite challenges of past 18 months, Rev. Pat has done a remarkable job keeping our community together.
- Impressed with the variety of online offerings
- Thank you for streaming now that we are back in the building
- Thank you Rev. Pat for continuing to push us and being a way shower.
- Based on a member who attended Eastern Region Conference, our community has integrated all the necessary components to continue our work online and in person and is ahead of other communities who are still working it out.
- Thank you for Pat remaining accessible and walking the walk.
- Thank you to Christine, Jan and Chris for their work behind the scenes.

***How can we improve:***

- A small concern - can we improve the hot water in the bathroom sinks?
- We could use neck loops in the sanctuary to assist folks who use hearing aids and attend in person. (They are available online for approx \$50.)
- Questions about a play area for children (this is still in the pipeline).
- We need to start thinking about what we're doing with children who attend - can we start up Children's Church again? (We are addressing this on the board - is an ongoing focus on the board. The board is taking into consideration Delta variant, vaccine status for children and how many children who are coming.)
- Can we put together packets of material to offer to children?

- The resource of the prayer partners has been under utilized. Can members give us ideas for other options that will be more helpful?
- When or if - will there be food again after the service? (Ongoing agenda item on board. Pat responds that right now other churches try this outside. We are reviewing CDC guidelines before we make that decision.)
- The vigil on Sunday afternoons has had less attendance and encourage others to join.

**Election of Board of Trustees** – Erin Conway reads Article VI Section 10A and 10D

**Introduction of Board Candidates** – Kim Copperthwaite

Jack Cole - Alternate

Sue Vittner - Full term

Betti Lu Lewis - Full term

Carol Holt - Alternate

**Brief statement from Board candidates**

**Community vote on new members -**

All present in favor - voted by voice and holding card - acclimation / unanimous consent

**Treasurer's Report and 2021 – 2022 6 month budget:**

- Previous year is reviewed by Carolyn Sanford, Board Treasurer -

**Elect one voting member and an alternative for the Nominating Committee -**

- Trish
- Don

**Honoring and recognizing the board member stepping off the board**

Matt Purinton, Barbara Kowlaska, Pat Paine

**Closing Prayer:** Rev Pat Bessey

**Call for Adjournment:** Matt Purinton 12:50pm