

Unity of Madison - Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 22, 2023 6:00 pm

Attendees: Richard Bunch, Joanne Ruzicka, Denise Landkamer,
Elaine Stebleton, Joe Dieter, Steve Roberts
Absent: Nancy Sundal, Mary-Claire Glasenhardt

1. Pray-In - Rev. Richard
2. One Minute Check-in
3. Vision Mission, Core Values statements
4. Elaine moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Joanne seconded. The Consent Agenda was approved unanimously. The agenda included the February Board Meeting minutes, the Treasurer's Report, the Tech Team Report and the LTT Report. The Search Team Report was removed for discussion.
5. Search Team Report - Steve brought to the Board the request for approval from the Search Team of a change in wording to the salary listed in the vacancy package. The current wording is "range of \$55,000 - 60,000". The requested wording is "\$60,000 negotiable".

Richard explained that the new wording would give us even greater flexibility by not limiting the negotiations to a \$5,000 range.

The Board approved the change in wording.

Additional changes to the packet will be presented at the April meeting.

6. Minister's Report - Rev. Richard reported on his activities on behalf of Unity of Madison over the past month.

7. Alternate Board Position - Rev. Richard reported that one person who had been asked to consider being an alternate had declined and another person has been asked and is thinking about it.

8. Update on water issues - Joanne reported on the problem of water getting into the basement recently. Ron Ruzicka and John Panuska have been modifying the downspouts from the gutters to direct water away from the foundation of the building, and they puttied up an open conduit that was dripping water two weeks ago. So far no further water alerts have been received from Church Mutual. The Board felt it would be wise to seek bids from three contractors to look at the roof and do work that will better keep water away from the foundation.

9. Joanne has been in communication with Unity of Sheboygan about the board training that Rev. Greg Coles will be doing there on May 6. We intend to send a contingent of trustees and members to Sheboygan for the training. It was agreed that a slide will be created for Sunday announcements letting people know the availability of the training and that it is open to anyone who is interested. There will also be an article placed in the e-blast, and on Easter Sunday we will have someone get up during announcements and describe the event to try to generate interest. It was also agreed that we will make a donation to Unity of Sheboygan based on how many people we send to the training.

10. Steve gave a demonstration of the ProPresenter software that will be used for Sunday service slides and streaming when the new system is installed. He showed how slides are created and how to change their backgrounds, described ProPresenter libraries and playlists, and showed how ProPresenter can send different different output to different audiences (in-person and on-line) at the same time.

11. We discussed the upcoming Make Music Madison event that we will host in June. Joe Dieter agreed to co-ordinate it again this year and he will try to recruit people to assist him.

12. Joanne mentioned that people need to pay closer attention to the online signup lists for counting and Youth and Family Ministries so we can avoid passing around paper sheets at meetings in the future.

13. We then blessed the tithes and spoke our appreciations (there was no clearing needed).

Rev. Richard prayed us out.

Assignments:

Richard will talk to Jessica about the possibility of having an intergenerational service either once a month or on the 5th Sunday of the month (4 times a year).

Richard will check back with the person who is considering becoming an alternate to see if that person has made up their mind.

Joanne will talk to Nancy about pursuing bids for work to keep the basement dry.

Joanne will create a slide for Sunday announcements about the board training in Sheboygan on May 6.

Steve will write an article for the e-blast about the board training.

Joe will recruit assistants to help with Make Music Madison.