

Unity of Greater Hartford
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Aug. 19, 2021 – 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Attending, Lee Dittman, Angela Cimadon, Sandra Dickerson, Sue Smallidge, Christine Kiely, Wendy Billings, Rev. Christine Boylan

Pray in - 6:35, Rev. Christine
MasterMind Prayer - Lee Dittman

Old Business

- July Minutes approved as written. We also had a short special meeting on our safety protocols. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved
- Future Events Calendar Reviewed by Angela
- Board Training Update - Lee - It will take place at Sue's house with social protocols for safety. The time will be 9:30 - 3:30.
- Review and discussion of Phase 2 Church Protocols. South Windsor has mandated mask wearing for all indoor gatherings in the town. Unity of Greater Hartford will certainly comply with this mandate beginning immediately.
- A member of the Board is needed or the committee organizing a memorial for those who passed during quarantine. Sandra and Wendy volunteered.
- Finance Committee Members - Lee and Angela contacted several members to see if they were interested in serving on the Finance Committee. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to appoint Rob Morehouse and Liston Filyaw to the Finance Committee.
- World Day of Prayer - Lee encouraged Board members to go to the Unity Worldwide Day of Prayer site before Sept 8. Our celebration will take place in person and on Facebook from 6:30 - 7:15 on Sept 8. That will allow congregants to participate in the National Unity Day of Prayer zoom service that will take place at 8:00.

Reports

- **Minister** - Rev. Christine reviewed her monthly report. We celebrated the fact that we now have no leased equipment! Yeah to Rev. Christine and Toni for making this happen. The church will see up to \$3,000 in savings, the full extent of that savings will be seen next year.
Spirit Camp was a wonderful morning of spirituality and fun!! Smiles were abundant! Financials are not complete but it looks like the program brought in @\$300 and spent \$130. The New Workshop, How To Get The Life You Want will take place on Sept. 10, from 6:30-8:30. Presenters will be Rev Christine and Rev. Rebecca Galati from the Unity Church of Christ in NJ.
- **Treasurer** - To date we are not meeting our budget. Net income from Jan. 2021-June 2021 is about 30,000 which is about 30% less than last year
- **Finance** - Sandra reported that the Finance Committee recommends that we close the bookstore and use that space as a lending library. Specifics of organizing the lending library will be forthcoming. A motion was made, seconded and passed to change the bookstore to a lending library. A motion was made, seconded and passed to close the bookstore checking account by Dec. 31, 2021. The Board asked for information and a recommendation from the Finance Committee on when the lending library might open.

New Business

- Discussion of **Unity Community Meeting** - Motion was made, seconded and passed to hold our Unity Community Meeting on Oct. 3, at 12:00. It will be held in person and virtually.
- Discussion of **Church Picnic** - It will take place on Sept. 26 after service at Veteran's Memorial Park in So. Windsor. We will ask people to bring their own lunches and feel welcome to bring a dessert for sharing
- **Board Installation Date** - It will take place on AUGUST 29, during service.
- **Pray Out** - Wendy

Submitted by Sue Smallidge