

2022 Annual Membership Meeting Minutes Unity of Greater Hartford - Feb. 13, 2022 - Noon

Welcome: Bd. President Lee Dittman

Lee welcomed everyone, introduced the Board of Trustees and reviewed the protocols for the meeting, which follow.

-All are welcome at the meeting but voting is limited to current members.

-In 2019 the ByLaws were changed to allow the Board to change the way we have voted in the past which was in person. Today we are voting thru the Chat feature which will explained later

-If you have questions during the meeting, please raise and wave your hand. We will attempt to answer questions as we go along but we also might ask you to hold your question until later.

Opening Prayer , Mission, Vision, Core Values: - Rev. Christine Boylan

Recap of 2021 – Year of Expansion - Board President Lee Dittman

Lee reminded everyone that we began 2021 with our doors closed. In the beginning of June we opened the doors again and they have remained opened. We were able to do this because all of you played by the rules which had to keep changing. Thank you!

In 2020 we unveiled a new website which continues to expand our reach. In 2021, we started livestreaming our Sunday Celebration Services directly to the website so you can now watch the service in real time on the website– especially if you do not want to go through Facebook.

Our much loved Seeds of Spirit Bookstore transformed into Seeds of Spirit Library – a giving and receiving library.

Finally, on the first Sunday of Advent, we celebrated Rev Christine's Five Year Anniversary with Unity of Greater Hartford and as a Minister! Now during her 6th year with us she will have the opportunity to take a month-long Sabbatical from the church in addition to her vacation weeks! We are grateful for Rev Christine and we truly want her to take this well-deserved time off for spiritual growth.

Events And Classes This Past Year – Board Vice President, Angela Cimadon listed the many classes that took place in 2021

Financial Report – Board Treasurer Sandra Dickerson

Sandra presented an overview of the church financials for 2021. Although we do have a deficit again this year, it is much less than in 2020. For fiscal year 2021 our deficit was \$9,865 while our deficit in 2020 was \$16,774. In both years we received \$19, 800 in Payroll Stimulus BUT we will not be receiving those funds in 2022. Nevertheless, we are moving in the right direction.

The balance sheet was displayed on screen. Sandra pointed out that we have three bank accounts. The Bookstore account is now closed and that money has gone into the main checking account. Sandra gave info on our mortgage. She pointed out the low amount of money we now owe on the mortgage. It will be paid off in three years!

Report on Commitment Cards – Board Member At-Large Christine Kiely

To date we have received 31 Commitment Cards pledging \$97,432 for 2022. Our 2022 budget calls for congregant contributions in the amount of \$150,000. We currently have 71 members. Less than half of our members have made a financial commitment to their church.

We are hopeful that those members and participants in the church who have not yet made a commitment will do so and will help make up the remaining \$52,568.

Minister Report: Rev. Christine Boylan gave a report on Ministries and 2022 plans for classes, events, services and workshops

The church will have a Minister Intern, Kathleen Kerswig for the months of April & May. Her ordination will take place in June, here at Unity of Greater Hartford, with Rev Jim Rosemergy.

Ministry and Groups The leaders of each ministry gave a quick summary of what the ministry members do, how one can join that ministry and the people who are currently serving in that ministry.

Livestreaming Team (Sound Masters & Holy Clickers) - Rev. Christine

Counters (Ushers)- Rev Christine

Music – Carolyn Fischer

Writers & Voices – Liston

Greeters – Lois DeMille

Prayer Chaplains – Cat Trahiotis

Worship Assistants - Kirk Smallidge

Hospitality & Coffee Baristas - Jocelyn Smith

Seeds of Spirit Library (Bookstore) – Leah Bell - Christine Kiely taking over as leader of this ministry

On hold: Unity Kids Classroom – Brittney Young; comments included hopes that this ministry begins again soon.

Choir - coming soon

Nominating Section – Board President Lee

The members unanimously voted to approve two new members to the Board of Trustees.

Welcome Deborah Giddings and Rob Morehouse. The composition of the Board will be voted on at the March Board meeting when the Board will determine the positions that each Board member will hold.

Lee Dittman and Angela Cimadon have both completed their terms on the Board of Trustees.

Angela has completed a three year term and Lee has completed two three year terms. Thank you Lee & Angela!

The members also voted for a representative from the congregation to serve on the 2022 Board nominating committee. Congratulations Maria Main! The Alternate will be Donna Marshall.

Visualization: Lee Dittman explained the Visualization process. It is a group of members who will be focusing on our FULL abundance. It will be a fluid process looking at and visualizing the expansion of our abundance as a community and our unlimited potential.

At this point, committee members include: Lois DeMille, Sue Smallidge, Wendy Billings, Christine Kiely, Lee Dittman and Rev. Christine.

Q & A: Rev. Christine also answered a question about her sabbatical, saying that she had not yet firmed up the dates.

Closing: Bd President Lee thanked everyone for being a part of this church and for all that each person does.

Closing Prayer: Rev. Christine Boylan

Respectfully submitted, Sue Smallidge - Board Secretary