

**Unity of Greater Hartford  
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes  
February 19, 2022**

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

Pray in - 9:00, Rev. Christine  
MasterMind prayer - Lee Dittman

**Old Business**

- **January minutes**, Sue - were approved via email
- **Future Events Calendar Reviewed** - Angela
- **2022 Annual Meeting** - all - Sandra would like a more streamlined process for voting. It was nice to 'see' so many people. A question was asked about an easier voting process because there were only two candidates. A counted vote must take place whether there are 2, 3 or four candidates. One congregant commented that they thought the meeting would be boring and it wasn't. The meeting lasted 90 minutes. Explanation of UofGH tithes will be in an upcoming newsletter.
- **Visualization Thoughts** - all - Lee recommended the booklet Living Abundantly, available through Unity.org. Lee will send out two possible meeting dates to the committee members.
- **Board Goals - "Prayer First" and "Inviting people in with Divine Love & Guidance" -All** Ideas included contacting past members, greeting new people gently so they don't get swamped, inviting people to interact and/or participate, asking people for help when doing a task, pray-up before coming to church,

**Reports**

- **Minister** - Use of Blue Giving Card is a great idea, Unity Worldwide Ministries tithed \$333.96 to UofGH in appreciation for our hosting a ministerial intern. Many classes are coming up. See below.
- **Finance** - Bookstore funds totaling \$2,718.21 will be moved to the checking account in Feb. The Finance Committee is looking at the current Finance Committee job description, including what a five-year financial plan might look like and will suggest changes next month if any are indicated.
- **Treasurer** - Suggestion was made to give a monthly community tithing report at a Sunday service. Board agreed to have Rev. Christine make a monthly finance report after the finance committee has approved the giving numbers for the previous month. It will be announced at service once a month and listed in the newsletter. It was suggested that a Board member might set up a 'help' table in the community room on that Sunday to offer help to anyone interested who wants to begin online giving. Many are willing to do that.

**New Business**

- **Discussion on training for new Board Members** - What do I wish I had known before my first Board meeting? Discussion included commitment to daily prayer practice, Sunday participation and the fact that it is OK to write down one's prayer when it's your turn to pray out,
- **Mask mandate needs updating** - South Windsor has lifted the mask mandate. A motion was made, seconded and passed to lift the mask mandate beginning immediately for all fully vaccinated people. Unvaccinated people continue to be required to wear masks on all church grounds.
- There was discussion on placing ads for the sale of the portable stage and for the long bench, both located in the community room. Board members will make inquiries on how that

might happen.

- Continuing Board members expressed our appreciation and good wishes to outgoing members, Lee Dittman and Angela Cimadon.

**Pray Out** - Wendy

Submitted by Sue Smallidge, Secretary

### **Important Dates**

Creating and Using a Daily Prayer Practice - Sat, March 5th, \$15 10:00-12:00

Finding Yourself in the Bible - 3 Saturdays, March 19 & 26, April 2 - \$45 -Zoom - Rev. Laura Barrett Bennett

Keys to the Kingdom - Reflections from Sunday 5 Mondays, March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10, 17  
6:30-7:30, no fee, but there is a \$20 materials fee, Zoom - Deborah Giddings