

**Minutes**  
**Unity Christ Church**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**October 18, 2018**

Call to Order - Meeting was called to order at 7:17pm

Welcome Guests – Two guests present: Mary Biggs, LUT and Barbara Lanier Harris

Opening Prayer – Juankee McKinney led the prayer

Approval of the Agenda – The order was switched to allow Richard Snyder to speak first.

Guest Presentation: Attorney Richard Snyder and -

Articles of agreement/Bylaws Committee (The By-Laws committee consists of Joyce Woodson, Mary Biggs, LUT, Carolyn Perry, Juankee McKinney) Attorney Snyder was engaged for guidance.

Changes to the Articles of Agreement verbatim from Richard Snyder: (see attachment)

Articles of Agreement - **Leonard made a motion to approve changes to the articles of agreements presented at the Oct 18<sup>th</sup> board meeting. Carolyn 2<sup>nd</sup>. Amendments are passed and approved.** It will be presented to the congregation for them to vote on and it passes with a 2/3 vote.

Proposed by-law changes – changes to article 5 of the bylaws, section 1 and section 4: **Leonard made a motion to approve the changes to section 1 and 4 of article 5 of the bylaws as presented at the Oct 18<sup>th</sup> board meeting. Carolyn 2<sup>nd</sup>.** Rudolph asked if this will change our relationship with Unity. Much conversation was had about this relationship. **The vote is unanimous and changes are approved.** Richard Snyder said this also has to be presented to the congregation for them to vote on. Richard Snyder also wanted to let the board know: “that I do not know the answer to Rudolph's question because nobody asked me to look into it. It was a fair question which I had asked Juankee about early on. I do not know the answer to it.” He also added as an afterthought (via email) – “that if anyone thinks these two changes could have some unforeseen and important impact on UCC's standing as a Unity Church with UMW and/or IAMU, I suggest that you find that out before you submit the changes to the membership in November.”

**Check-in** – Board Members – board members extended condolences to Leonard and his family.

Carolyn thanked the board for their prayers, visits and phone calls during her downtime. Board members asked for wisdom, understanding, peace and prayer. It was also asked for prayers for the church and ideas for the greater good of the church.

**Officer's Reports:**

**President** - Juankee J. McKinney

- Sacred Healing Service – went very well. Everybody said it was a great event. Next one will be May 1, 2019 at First Unity Church. Juankee thanked the board for the food, tablecloths, decorations, ushering, etc. Money raised will be donated to UCC, instead of a 50% split. Juankee proposed that UCC will keep 50%, and the other 50% will be kept in a separate fund for next years' event expenses. Juankee also asked that the Yoga person be given \$50 for her time.
- Talents & Gifts – When Rev. Palumbo was here, he started a sheet with Talents and Gifts listed and Juankee suggested that we finish it and collect information from members. Carolyn asked that it be available for the annual meeting. Leonard suggested that it be mailed out with the annual meeting letter. Carolyn mentioned that the letter will only be sent to members. Rudolph mentioned that an

announcement is made in church and the form be made available in the bulletin or lobby. They decided to make an announcement during church and also include in weekly e-blast and newsletter.

- Separate Board Meeting – needed for the annual meeting. The board decided to meet Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at the church between 12pm-1pm. Carolyn mentioned that she won't be present, unless they meet at her house. The board decided to conference Carolyn in. If another meeting is needed, they will meet the following Sunday.

#### **Secretary – Carolyn Perry**

- Correspondence –
  - Invitation to attend a Dress Rehearsal of *An Act of God*, free of charge on Nov 28<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. Carolyn made a suggestion to make available to congregation. Flyer can be posted downstairs.
  - First Unity Church presenting a Fashion Show & Luncheon. Can be sent in the email blast and posted downstairs on bulletin board.
  - Unity World Headquarter, Unity Village and Great Lakes Region - thank you letter for the contribution
  - Polling Place – Juankee said she would open the church for poll volunteers.
  - Mid-America Transplant – sent information about transplants
- Approval of Minutes – **Leonard made a motion to approve Aug 16, 2018 minutes, Rudolph 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously to approve minutes. Leonard made a motion to approve Sept 20, 2018 minutes, Rudolph 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously to approve the minutes.**

#### **Treasurer – Rudolph Clay –**

Total Assets: \$1,234,603.

Sept. Income: \$4,487

Sept. Expenses: \$11,378

Net Income: -6,890

Sept. Attendance: 135

Sept. Offering: \$3,200

**Carolyn Perry made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Leonard 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**Treasurer's report was approved.**

#### **Committee/Team Reports**

Nominating Committee – The nominating committee consists of: Jackie Dohm, Kathy Mandell, Maxine Curry.

Leonard reporting that the committee met on Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>. He said Barbara Lanier Harris was nominated and has accepted the nomination. Carolyn reported that she will step down from the board as of the end of her term (3 years) in December. Leonard said he will ask Ola Senter and Mike Musielak to serve on the board.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Trip Unity Village – was supposed to be October 13<sup>th</sup>, but they didn't go. Juankee stated that she would postpone the trip until Spring 2019. Rudolph stated that we can make an announcement that it would be postponed to keep people interested and connected to the idea.
- Unity Sunday Movies – tabled until Michael returns
- Unity Book Club – Juankee said that Michael had given out information regarding this, but it will be tabled until Michael is present at the meeting for more information.
- Thanksgiving Service – Leonard reported that Rev. Jan, Rev. Sharon, Rev. Le Remington, and Vernetta Holmes all said they are willing to participate. AJSR and Myron Williams will provide music and they will be compensated. Leonard will meet with Erika to get a program together. Juankee said that Mary Biggs will speak on behalf

of UCC. Leonard stated refreshments should be a tray of cookies, veggie tray and apple cider. Rudolph said he would bring refreshments. Program starts at 7pm on Wednesday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>. Leonard stated it normally lasts about 1 hour.

- Candle lighting Service – conversation tabled until Michael returns, but Juankee reported that Michael is in the process of printing invitations
- Preparation Annual Meeting – talked about above.

### **New Business**

- Unity Classes – Juankee reported that UCC should be teaching some classes and asking some ministers to teach them. Specifically Rev. David and Rev. Leslie, and others. Rudolph talked about having some type of continuation of the Lessons in Truth class and some of the focus could be application. Juankee also mentioned that we can offer what we normally offer and maybe we can take a love offering and pay the standard.
- Weekly Meditation – We need to have someone on Wednesdays. We haven't had any attendance because no one is here, it's just a tape. We hope to find someone in the future.

**UCC Members Questions/Comments** – Barbara Lanier Harris had a comment about the speakers and finding out who is speaking in advance. She mentioned about making Rev. Leslie a resident speaker. She also mentioned about having some type of consistency.

Rudolph made mention about actively and intentionally asking people to join the church. Juankee said that UCC doesn't push membership and that we should give people a choice and force anything on them. Juankee stated that we should have someone teaching a membership class, if we are offering membership. Rudolph stated that he's interested in teaching an Orientation class, if people are interested.

**Closing Prayer** – led Rudolph Clay

**Adjournment** – 9:10pm