

**NTUC Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 12, 2011
Main Building – Classroom B**

Call to Order: President Larry Watson called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Mission, Vision and NTUC Intention: Led by Ann Royalty

Meditation: Led by Larry Watson

Board Members Present: Wayne Dorsey, Alice Frazier, Jo Keaveney, Ann Royalty, Suzanne Scott, Leslie Sharp, Star Staubach, Larry Watson

Board Members Absent: None

Visitors: Elizabeth Whitton, Maria Hoeffler, Nancy Smith, Frieda Hughes, John Cunningham, Mitchell Hulley, Teresa Campbell, Craig Agneberg, Mark Winters, Margie Kelley, Nancy Simpson, Gloriajean Wallace, Pamela Zerbe, Mary Kacaba, Robert Feldhaus, Jerry Hof

Visitor Comments

Each visitor was given 3 minutes to voice their comments. In addition, index cards were provided so visitors could submit written questions, which many did.

Comments shared by the visitors included:

- 2 thanked the Board for their recent work.
- 5 expressed their desire to have Rev. George Whitton as interim minister or to at least see more of him on Sundays.
- 2 expressed their desire that someone outside the NTUC community be the interim minister.
- 2 expressed the need for someone experienced in conflict resolution to participate in the transition.
- 1 suggested that there not be a single interim minister but that a rotation of speakers be used with an outside person to attend to other needs of the congregation.
- 3 expressed a need for more ways for people to be heard (e.g., single web forum for all, more town hall meetings).
- 1 offered to share an idea to facilitate allowing people to talk to a Board Trustee.
- 1 expressed strong feelings that spiritual experience and diversity should be allowed, including people who don't necessarily agree with the Fillmores or the 5 Unity principles.
- 1 expressed concern for an individual who was unable to vote.

Agenda: The July agenda was approved as amended (*see attached*).

Signups: Signup sheet for taking offerings to the safe during August was completed.

Reports

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the June 7 regular Board meeting were approved.

Minutes of the July 6 special Board meeting were approved.

Minutes of the July 9 special Board meeting were approved.
 Minutes of the July 10 special membership meeting were approved.

Resignation

Trustee Suzanne Scott read a letter in which she submitted her resignation. Jo Keaveney made a motion that we accept it with regret. The motion was seconded. Motion carried, with 6 for and 1 against the motion.

Finance Team/Treasurer's Reports

Financial Statement

Treasurer Jo Keaveney reviewed the financial spreadsheet for May and distributed an Accounts Payable Aging report. May expenses were \$950 more than income. Jo also noted that we have the cash available to cover payroll this week.

In her review of the current Accounts Payable Aging Report, Jo noted that checks had just been signed for approximately \$4,700 of the \$8,200 that was outstanding as of 6:00 p.m. today. Of the remainder, \$834 has been payable for more than 90 days because no bill has been submitted for it. In addition, \$2,000 of the payables is 4 months of contributions to Rev. Doris's retirement that have been held out, which we will catch up.

Jo has begun working with US Bank to remove Rev. Doris Hoskins' name as guarantor on the Line of Credit loan. Jo is negotiating with the bank to underwrite the loan with the value of NTUC's properties. She has the paperwork for making the application and it is in progress. She noted that part of the difficulty in this negotiation is that we are a church and therefore do not have guaranteed income.

Jo reported that 6 people have withdrawn from Consistent Giving as of this week.

A motion to approve the financial report was made and passed.

Leslie Sharp blessed the financial report.

Overall numbers for the Center were as follows (*full report attached*):

		Total Income	Total Expenses	Cash Gain/(Loss)	May 2010 Income	May 2010 Expenses	May 2010 Gain/(Loss)
May-11	Actual	38,129	39,079	(950)	39,311	40,616	(1,305)
	Budget	44,787	45,214	(427)			
YTD 2011	Actual	196,717	221,317	(24,600)	206,017	235,347	(29,330)
	Budget	234,851	237,397	(2,546)			

Finance Team

Jo noted that the Finance Team meeting is the third Tuesday of each month and is open. She reported that there has been one resignation from the Finance Team and one other is pending. The remaining congregant member is Dan Shepherd.

Ad Hoc Committees

Transition Committee

Judy Grimes, Great Lakes Regional Unity Representative will be the speaker on Sunday, July 17. She will conduct a special Board training on July 16.

Ann Royalty and Alice Frazier reviewed the Transition spreadsheet, noting the next important tasks to complete. Ann and Larry Watson reviewed the events on the calendar for the upcoming months, as shared at the July 11 staff meeting. As part of the spreadsheet review it was noted that on July 10 Larry Watson received Rev. Doris's keys and credit cards, as well as the passwords to the Center's bank accounts at US Bank; Alice Frazier, Ann Royalty, and Star Staubach were also present. Larry changed the bank passwords on July 11.

Leslie Sharp is organizing for World Day of Prayer on Weds evening, Sept 7 – Thurs, Sept 8.

On Sunday, November 6, PosiPalooza musicians will be in Cincinnati. On Sunday morning they will be in 3 churches: NTUC, Center for Spiritual Living (formerly Beacon of Light), and Garden Park Unity. At 4:00 p.m. that day they will be in concert at NTUC. Star Staubach is following up on the arrangements.

Community Conversations

The Board will schedule more frequent Conscious Conversation events. The first one will be Sunday, July 31 after the 11:00 service. It will be a potluck in Friendship Hall.

Beginning Sunday, July 17 Board members will be available to talk one-on-one in the bistro table area in Friendship Hall and in the Resource Center before and after services.

Alice Frazier will get options from the PR/Marketing Committee on ways to set up a forum or other venue so everyone can talk at the same place.

Communication Update

Thank-you notes are being prepared for all staff, teachers, and weekly musicians. A letter from President Larry Watson will be mailed to the congregation.

The ntunity.org website is being enhanced to ensure all approved minutes and other documents are readily available.

Rev. Doris's Celebration Committee

We will celebrate Rev. Doris Hoskins' 11 years of service on Sunday, August 7 after the second service. Rev. Pat Williamson will be contacted to see if he is available to do the services that day.

Star Staubach will be Board liaison for the Celebration Committee. Alice Frazier will forward Star the names of people who want to help.

Sacred Circle Committee

Star Staubach and Leslie Sharp will work on future Sacred Circle events together. Alice has some information she will share with them.

Classes in Fall

Unity Way of Life Class

We would like to have a Unity Way of Life Class sometime in the fall. Wayne Dorsey will contact Rev. George Whitton to check on his willingness and possible available to teach the class.

Prosperity Class

Since we will just be wrapping up the 10-week Prosperity Plus class on August 8, we will explore offering a class on one of the foundational Unity books in the fall. Congregational input will be included in the book selection process.

Special Orders

SPC Options Report

Alice Frazier moved that the Spiritual Practice Center (SPC) Options Report be postponed until the August 2 Board meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

Buildings & Grounds

There are no air conditioners in the second floor apartment at the SPC where Peggy Weyand lives. Wayne will contact Ed Fulton to assist Peggy in getting properly sized AC units for that space.

Unity Naming

Alice Frazier moved that the Unity Naming discernment be postponed until the August 2 Board meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

Previous Business

The Board met in executive session to discuss personnel issues.

New Business

Board Vacancies

The acceptance of Suzanne Scott's resignation means that there are now two vacancies on the Board. The vacancy created by Suzanne's departure has less than a year remaining. The other vacancy is for a full three-year term because for the 2011-2014 term only two candidates of the many who applied and were interviewed by the previous Nominating Committee agreed to stand for election for the three open positions.

It was recommended that the Nominating Committee start meeting every week. The committee is Dianne Ward (chair), Rhonda Curtis (congregational representative), and Wayne Dorsey (Board representative).

Closing

Closing Prayer: Wayne Dorsey closed the meeting with prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 2 at the Spiritual Practice Center. Dinner at 5:30 (bring your own). Board meeting will begin at 6:30.

Submitted,

Ann P. Royalty
Secretary, Board of Trustees

New Thought Unity Center