

Unity in Edinboro
Board Meeting
December 20, 2009

PRESENT: Ray, Martin, Leona, Joseph, Cheryl

ABSENT: Shelly

OTHER: Joanne, Jackie

1. Open with prayer-9:15 a.m.
2. Minutes-LB/CW Unanimous
3. Financials-Due to a couple of generous donations, our financial situation has greatly improved. We will sign a card as the board thanking the contributors. Martin also suggested that we could recognize people with a plaque. We will consider that in the future. MM/LB Unanimous
4. Old Business
 - a. Discussion on Spiritual Gifts and Visioning-Leona, Ray and Shelly were all in attendance. There were 4 ideas that came up.
 - i. Quarterly activity for the congregation
 - ii. University outreach to students/faculty
 - iii. Core values
 - iv. Community outreach-Joseph has expressed an interest in this
 - v. Joanne intends to start a smaller "core vision group" that will meet very regularly combined with a larger "action group" that gets together to discern how to bring it into expression.
 - b. Update from Martin and Joseph on Labyrinth-There is an area that Martin and Joseph believe that they have found an area in the back yard. The stone wall is an option for materials though there would be some challenges with that idea due to thickness of stone. Joseph and Martin will be developing a plan including materials and labor needed and present it at a later date.
5. New Business
 - a. Conference Call with Paula-Sharing from those who were on the call
 - i. How do we keep this idea of meditative/spiritual visioning going on a board level?
 - ii. Is it possible to pause before decisions are made to take that to a couple of moments of meditation/prayer and see what comes out of that?
 - iii. How do we remember that this meeting is a sacred space? How do we integrate the knowing that this is a sacred space AND actually take a moment in the meeting to consciously enter into that remembering of the sacred space.
 - iv. The board will hold an awareness around this idea and continue to ask in each board meeting how we can integrate the spiritual into the administrative.

- b. Annual Review-Due January board meeting
 - i. Joanne passed out the annual review for Field Licensing. These are to be completed by the board by our next meeting so that Joanne can forward them onto The Association of Unity churches by the due date of Jan. 31
- c. Joanne passed out the Contact magazine for the board to read through.
- d. We took the time to consider informing the congregation about our financial situation. By taking the time to do so, we open the communication with the congregation. Expressing gratitude. A prayer of thanks and sustenance. Martin Maly will present the prayer next week.
- e. Next Meeting-January 24 at 9:00
- f. Meeting closed with prayer at 10:15