

Board of Trustee's Report

January & February 2012

I have the pleasure of presenting both the January & February Board of Trustees reports to you and for the sake of simplicity I'm going to present to you each month separately.

We were pleased when Rey Candelaria agreed to join us as our new Board Treasurer in January. Rey is replacing our long standing Treasurer Sharon Anderson so he has some big shoes to fill, but we know that he will do just that. We also welcomed back Dan Earles to the board in January as our Vice President replacing Pat Shaw. As a past President of the board we know that Dan IS a wonderful addition to the board. Also, Della Lovick also joined us as a Member at Large.

During the January meeting Out & About proposed a joint fund raiser with Unity involving the Carson's Community Days Sale to be held on March 1st & 2nd. We know that many of you have already purchased books for yourself, and have also stepped forward to sell the books to your friends, family and co-workers as well. As the revenue will be shared 50/50 with Out & About and Unity we are pleased with how the sale is going. I know that Jim Brilmyer recently requested an additional 75 books for a total of 225 books outstanding. Thank you to everyone who is participating in this sale.

Also, in January the Board approved a bake sale by the Chaplain's who were looking to purchase a computer for volunteer use. I know my co-workers loved the baked goods that the Chaplains made and sold last Sunday. The wonderful part about this though is that our new Board Treasurer Rey Candelaria donated a Laptop and thus the bake sale proceeds will most likely go to purchase a printer for our newly acquired laptop. Thank you Rey!

Last month we also took time to consider how to allow for the projection of the closing song and prayer for peace at the completion of each service while allowing for the Sunday School children to be up here with Reverend Geraldine. Rey

suggested that we install flat screen tv's up here instead of projecting them on the screen as we currently do. Why didn't we think of that! We shared that suggestion with you at the Annual Meeting and we are pleased to let you know that we already have one tv donated and are waiting for donations to pay for the other.

In January the board was informed that Fran Candelaria has agreed to become our 2nd Art & Practice facilitator joining Mitzi Egnatz. Fran will need to attend training at Unity Village sometime in the near future and of course we will be covering that training. We are thrilled to have two facilitators so that we will have more opportunities to share this important class with the congregation.

Those of you who attended the Annual Meeting already know that 2012 was financially a really good year for Unity of NWI. We didn't finish in the black, but we weren't very far off of our budget either. Now that the WJOB Radio show has officially ended we expect 2013 to be an even better year financially. Thank you, God for this wonderful blessing.

The Board reviewed a detailed new policy regarding tuition for our classes last month. We felt it was time to do this because of the many questions/comments we have heard about the need to pay for classes. You'll find the policy out in the hallway right alongside the signup sheets for the classes currently being offered. We hope that you agree after reading the policy that we tried to be fair, but that we felt it was time to respect the time and talents of those teaching these classes as much as we respect you the end user of these classes. If you have further questions after reviewing the handout please speak with a member of the board. We really do want/need your feedback to ensure that we answer your questions about why we do the things that we do.

Finally we are looking at creating both a dance class and a weight loss support group here at Unity. If this is something that you are interested in please take a moment to sign the sheet in the hallway acknowledging your interest. Once we have the results we will once again take this under consideration.

The board met last Monday for our February meeting and reviewed and signed our 2013 Board Commitment Agreements & the Code of Ethics. As part of this agreement we acknowledge the responsibility we are undertaking in serving as a member of the board. We pledge to carry out these duties & obligations in a trustworthy and diligent manner. This is not something that any of us take lightly. I've recently heard that a few of you questioned why members of the board tithe. Why, because we won't ask you to do something that we do not undertake for ourselves. We hope you know that this is a responsibility that none of us take lightly. When we attend meetings we are not making decisions lightly nor based upon what works best for us, but rather we consider what is best for each of you.

The remainder of the February meeting was occupied with reviews of recommendations from our Finance Team to consolidate various accounts that we maintain, designate check signers and clarify our roles vs. those of the leadership group. Liz Maddox agreed to become the board representative on the nominating committee for this board during 2013. So for those of you who have expressed thoughts about why we do the things that we do on the board watch out for Liz because I know she will be looking towards you to fill positions on the board within the next year.

In closing I want to thank you for allowing me this time to share with you the workings of the board. I hope you know that we, my fellow board members and I, are willing to take the time to hear your thoughts/concerns regarding the workings of this spiritual center. Please feel free to stop any of us and bend our ear for a few minutes. We want to know what you think!

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