## **Unity Center of Pittsburgh**

# Annual Meeting Minutes JUNE 9, 2024

**Welcome and Opening Prayer** 

Bobbi Konefal-Shaer, LUT

2023 Annual Meeting Minutes: Unanimously Approved Jan Kaylin

#### Accomplishments: 2023 - 2024 YTD Year in Review Jan Kaylin

- Ongoing website improvements: Search Engine Optimization, Blog, New Service Slides, etc: (Thank you to Beth Caldwell, BOT member and Marketing Genius)
- April 2023: Hosted Unity Worldwide Ministries" Power of Focused Ministry (Kenna Raymond)
- July 2023: Hired P/T Operations Manager: (Cheryl Lowitzer)
- August 2023: Initiated monthly class An Overview of Unity (Bobbi + Maryann)
- Events Committee Rocked (Donna + Beth)
- March 2024: blessed with part time assistance by Lucy Clabby
- April 2024: Kincaid Lease Renewed: 2 years + 2 months
- April 2024: Comm-UNITY Movie Night: led to opportunity to support our neighborhood
- Ongoing process improvements: MOBILE DEPOSITS of cash and check donations following each Sunday Service
- Overall SHOUT OUT: Mariko Reed, Mac Ingliss, Shane, Lucy Claby, John Brothers, Jim Hackworth and everyone who steps up to VOLUNTEER

**Event Committee Report:** Donna Hmieleski + Beth Caldwell: FUNdraising income has risen steadily since 2021; online event registration was a big improvement.

Beth stressed the IMPORTANCE of bringing a friend to 2024 planned events and sharing via Facebook please!!

## Financial Review

**Bobbi Konefal-Shaer** 

## Treasurer's Report

- 2023-2024 Income is up 22.93% vs. prior period (2023-2024);
   Expenses increased 11.70%
- Average monthly income and expenses track along the same percentages.
   NOTE: The majority of our expenses are fixed. For example, whether 8 people attend or 20 people attend, Sunday Service is a monthly fixed expense

#### • QUESTIONS:

- Who rents UCP? Primarily OMA (on a fairly consistent basis over the past year)
- Will there be another Pledge Campaign? Looking at this will fall under the auspices of the PoFM Team + overall strategic plan
- Is it possible to grow our funds to the point where we can purchase our own building? Real estate purchases generally fall under a major "Capital

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Campaign" effort. We will certainly pray on the highest/best use of UCP financial resources

#### **Current UCP Board Members + Roles/Terms**

Jan Kaylin

- Jan Kaylin, President (2023-2026)
- Philip Bourdon, Vice President (2023-2026)
- Bobbi Konefal-Shaer, Treasurer (2023-2025)
- Donna Hmielewski, Secretary (2022-2025)
- Beth Caldwell (2023-2026)
- Kenna Raymond (2022-2025)
- Devon Jeffries Board Alternate 2024 -WELCOME!
- Maryann Hackworth, Board Advisor

### Looking Ahead:

#### **Cheryl Lowitzer**

#### **Current Metrics**

- YouTube subscribers 5/2022: 141 5/2024: 239 169% increase with room to grow
- **Facebook Followers**: 587 Followers: IMPORTANT to "Like"/"Share"/"Comment" (engage with our page!)
- Attendance Trends: In-person: 20-21 is a GREAT Sunday. Online: 7-10 concurrent, with additional views (varies widely) afterward.
- QUESTION: How many current "active" members do we have? Our best guess baseline is approximately 30 (who show up on Sundays + Tithe).

GOAL: double/triple/quadruple this number, which is WHY we are implementing The Power of Focused Ministry (PoFM)

**SUGGESTION**: Improve the consistency with which we post upcoming speakers + Sun Talk Replays on Facebook. Agreed! To date, there has been limited engagement on FB with our posts and we continue to track this. A/B testing is also being considered.

### The Power of Focused Ministry (PoFM)

- Difference between Unity Worldwide Ministries (UWM) and Unity World Headquarters (Unity.org)
- Unity Ministry Pillars: The Fillmores; Evolutionary Thinking; Integral Ministry;
  Experiential Growth; I.D.E.A. (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Accessibility)
  UCP PoFM Team Members: Jan Kaylin, Dorothy Washington, John Brothers, Carlos Roa, Cheryl Lowitzer: working with Rev. Aliza Bloom (UWM Trained PoFM Consultant).

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#### 2024-2025 GOALS:

- Community Service Project: Prison Book Project: suggested by member; BOT approved moving forward. Stay tuned for more info!
- UCP Book Club: Target: Fall 2024: Maryann Hackworth
- Lending Library: work-in-process: Maryann Hackworth + Lucy Clabby: no target date set as of now
- Create Unity Center of Pittsburgh "sizzle" reel for website, along with member testimonials (e.g. Carlos Roa). No target date set as of now

### **Closing Prayer**

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#### **Annual Meeting Attendance:**

BOT Members + Staff	Our Unity Family
Jan Kaylin, Pres	Michael Hmieleski
Bobbi Konefal-Shaer, Treasurer	Patti Perhacs
Donna Hmieleski, Secretary	John Brothers
Beth Caldwell, BOT member	Renee Gielewski
Devon Jeffries, BOT Alternate	Dorothy Washington
Cheryl Lowitzer, Part-Time Ops Manager	Tim Pearce
Excused Absence: Kenna Raymond Maryann Hackworth Philip Bourdon	Jeff Kaylin Tricia Sullivan Barbara Parks Lori Harrold Debbie Pakler