

UNITY OF BON AIR
Annual meeting minutes
May 21, 2023

Welcome – Reverend Zita Correll and Reverend Lisa Marks

Opening Prayer – Reverend Lisa Marks

Minutes from our 2022 are posted on our website. Zita made a motion to approve and Karen Bard seconded. Approved

President's report

Reverend Patty is officially our Senior Pastor as of June, 2023

Senior Pastor's report – online. Patty was not present for the meeting

Board search nominating committee for next year was approved. Amy Corsetti will chair the team and Josh Grant will serve as well.

Finance report – Howard Green. Highlights included: need to increase tithes because our expenses continue to exceed our revenue. Listed accomplishments which affected our budget, including: new security system key fobs and changing locks, the well which was added for garden irrigation which was an expense and will save us money, and we are ordering new microphones. New expenses include the new sign and new AV system. We are generating new income through our new wedding coordinator, Chantel McHenry and we are having more events such as birthday parties and meetings using our facility. Summary of love offerings is posted on the bulletin board in the hall. Howard announced this is his last year on the board.

Love in Action reports:

Chaplains – Susan Green reported that from May 1, 2022 to May 1, 2023 we had twelve prayer chaplains assigned to folks to make contact through phone calls, text and email. For that period, 2070 contacts total were made. After church, 145 people sought pray with chaplains. There are almost weekly urgent prayer requests. On the UBA website, under

“Prayer and Support” there are prayer treasures available for inspiration. Accomplishments include: World Day of Prayer special service with the chaplains, Rev. Patty and Rev. Zita. The chaplains have a very generous donor whose generosity has allowed them to share funds to pay for materials and labor for the labyrinth, registering Rev. Patty and some chaplains for Eastern Regional Unity conference, brought in Sylvia Sumter for workshop and affirmative prayer workshop led by Susan Green. Rev. Kathy Harwood Long led a Saturday workshop for chaplains from UBA, Richmond and Fredericksburg Unity. In March and April, prayer chaplains completed twenty hours of training. We now have seventeen Unity prayer chaplains serving us.

Garden – Lisa Marks reported that the garden team is busy mulching, pruning and planting annuals. There were sacred service dates in December and April and multiple volunteers participated. There is now a garden statue restoration team led by Joann Grayson. Our gardens are now a certified wildlife habitat. Donations gratefully accepted for the garden. Current volunteers were thanked and given a flower for recognition.

Buildings and grounds – Rusty Rothrock reported there are three major projects that have and will happen – the deep drilled well (305 feet down) is working very well and saving us money on water. In the middle of June, the Smart Flower will be installed and in August a new electronic sign will be installed. The UBA building has been assessed by the county at 3million dollars and our mortgage is now below \$500,000.00. He finished by affirming UBA’s prosperity.

Youth and Family ministry – Janet Loving Pitts started with an affirmation stating we will have classrooms filled with children and teachers/helpers to work with them. Reported that our census still fluctuates from one child to multiple children. Current age groups are 1 – 5 and 6 to 12. The need for volunteers was emphasized. There was a question about whether there would be an opportunity to sign up for special events for Sundays. The answer was yes and the specifics of that will be looked at by Racheal and writer. Explained my role as one to temporarily assist in the transition from Melody to Racheal.

There were acknowledgments made for board members, Howard Green and Janet Loving Pitts who are leaving the board and for Lisa Marks for her service to the board.

There was a question about how Rev. Patty was offered the position of Senior Pastor without a pastor search. It was answered by reporting we had said last year we said, after a year we would evaluate and decide if a pastor search was necessary. At the last community meeting, there was a unanimous vote to offer Patty the Senior Pastor position. Question about the Smart Flower and Rusty reported he would email them more information.

There was a request for the church to start a program for youth volunteers.

Closing prayer – Rev. Zita Correll.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30pm.