



Unity Ministers of the Mid-Atlantic States  
February 2, 3, 4, 2004  
Minutes  
Unity of Charleston, Charleston, SC

Members Present:

Julie McKay-Wilkinson  
Ed Kosak  
Charlie Curtis  
Allison Mann  
Kaye Phillips  
Lisa Thorpe  
Chad O'Shea  
Maryanne Finch  
Scott Lindquist

Sheryl Fehr  
Erin Kosak  
Margee Grounds  
Denise Yeargin  
Maryanne Blackford  
Elizabeth Forrest  
Rene Pare  
Felicia Searcy

Beth Curtis  
Sidney Magill-Lindquist  
Russell Heiland  
Jervais Phillips  
Joel Blackford  
Susan Scott-Downs  
Marie Pare  
Mike Searcy

Opening:

President Rene Pare opened the meeting with "heart check" at 3:30 p.m. on Feb. 2. Heart check continued until 5:30 p.m. when the dinner break was taken. Heart check resumed on Feb. 3 at 9:10 a.m. and concluded at 11:20 a.m. The business meeting was called to order by Rev. Pare at 11:35 a.m.

Approval of the Minutes/Notes:

Notes from Sept. 12, 2003 and Oct. 9, 2003 UMMAS gatherings were discussed (attached). These were not official meetings, therefore these notes are not official minutes requiring approval by UMMAS members; however, Joel Blackford motioned, Jervais Phillips seconded and they were unanimously approved as submitted.

#### Approval of Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Sidney Magill-Lindquist provided financial reports (attached). She reported that UMMAS and Unity of Gainesville split the cost of QuickBooks Non-Profit edition. Sidney is personally doing the bookkeeping. Motion to approve submitted treasurer's report made by Jervais Phillips, second by Erin Kosak. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Kaye Phillips and seconded by Jervais Phillips that the following resolution be ratified: Be it resolved that Peachtree Bank of Duluth, GA hold the UMMAS money market account. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Rene Pare reported that our tithing policy is as follows: Quarterly UMMAS tithes on income and interest in the following way – 50% to Southeast Region, 10% to Unity Institute, 10% to Silent Unity, 10% to the Association of Unity Churches, 20% discretionary (determined at regular UMMAS meetings).

Discussion ensued about the dispersal of our current discretionary tithe (\$296.00). The consensus was that our current tithe be split evenly between Unity Church Universal at 9<sup>th</sup> and Tracy in Kansas City, MO and Kanuga retreat center in Hendersonville, NC.

#### Ongoing Business:

Maryanne Blackford reported that the annual Board Training will be held at Atlanta Unity Church (John Strickland, minister) on August 13-14, 2004. Margee will confirm with Gary Simmons that he will be the presenter.

The Southeast Regional meeting was discussed at length. It will be held October 4-8, 2004 at Epworth by the Sea on St. Simon's Island, GA. UMMAS is the host of this year's Southeast Regional meeting. This is about two weeks after the UMMAS retreat at Kanuga September 13-17, 2004. Sidney Magill-Lindquist contacted Marshall Rosenberg about being a presenter at the Southeast meeting. He is available. Kaye Phillips contacted Sallye Taylor who is also available to be a presenter.

Sidney Magill-Lindquist does have the guidelines prepared by the Region for the meeting.

Rene Pare reviewed jobs that need to be filled for the Regional meeting.

Margee Grounds agreed to coordinate registration and hospitality.

Ed Kosak, Southeast Region Secretary, agreed to find answers to UMMAS' questions about the retreat at the next Southeast Region executive team meeting in March.

Chad O'Shea agreed to coordinate information about the Southeast Meeting. He will report back to UMMAS at our May meeting.

Felicia Searcy moved that the UMMAS executive team finalize the speakers for the regional meeting. Maryanne Blackford seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The idea was suggested that the UMMAS coordinator for the Southeast meeting would have his/her meeting expenses paid by UMMAS.

Extensive discussion of the Kanuga retreat (Sept. 13-17, 2004) followed. Keynote is Mary Mannin Morrissey, arranged by Felicia Searcy at a cost of \$2000.00 + travel/lodging. Registration will be coordinated by Colleen Engle. Colleen needs to receive the “how to’s” from Unity of Charlotte. She can do credit card registrations, but wants the mailed in, not phoned in. Sidney Magill-Lindquist will see if Donna Kopitsky (UMMAS webmaster) may be able to arrange online registration. Kanuga provides registration worksheets using Excel software. Chad O’Shea will prepare a mailing list of previous attendees with a letter of invitation for them. Kaye Phillips reminded new ministers that registration for the ministers, spouses/partners and their children will be paid by UMMAS. In exchange for that, some sort of volunteering is expected by the ministers at the retreat. There will not be a bookstore at this year’s retreat. Credit cards will not be accepted by Kanuga. Joel Blackford agreed to investigate UMMAS getting a credit card machine/service.

Felicia Searcy facilitated a discussion about programming at Kanuga. Kaye Phillips assisted.

*PROGRAM* (subject to “divine order”)  
Theme: Mountaintop Experience

**Monday, Sept. 13** – Ministers’ arrival, heart check, settling of details

**Tuesday, Sept. 14**

1 PM – registration. (A note will be made on healer registration forms that some form of compensation is expected for those providing bodywork. Love offerings for UMMAS will be received on Wednesday and Thursday night since many attendees will be commuters who did not pay full retreat registration. We will pay attention to any feedback about this in the after-retreat debriefing.)

6-7 PM meal

730-9 PM opening program – Mixer with sufi dancing – Steve and Mary Bolen, Ed, Erin and “Peanut” Kosak

915 PM vespers – Lisa Thorpe

**Wednesday, Sept. 15**

7-8 AM Tai chi – Chuck Blackburn

**Thursday, Sept. 16**

7-8 AM – Tai chi, Chuck Blackburn

730-8 AM – Meditation Susan Scott-Downs

8-845 – Breakfast

9 – 12N – workshop Mary Manin Morrissey

12- 1PM – Lunch

145-4PM – workshop, Chad O’Shea

4-6 PM – Free Time OR “20 Questions about Unity Panel Discussion”

6-7 PM – Dinner

7-9 PM – “Salsa” Party with “Picante” (Love offering by Sidney Magill-Lindquist)

915 – 10 PM – Sufi Blessing – Erin and Ed Kosak

**Friday, Sept. 17**

7-8 AM – Tai chi

730-8 AM – Meditation, Sheryl Fehr

8-845 – Breakfast

9-945 Sacred Circles

10- Burning Bowl – Sheryl Fehr and Julie McKay-Wilkinson

(Maryanne Blackford took a list of potential sacred circle leaders. Felicia Searcy took a list of “20 Question” panel participants.)

Volunteers (NB – program/workshop leaders are to email info about their presentations to Felicia Searcy, email found below, by Feb. 23, 2004)

Program – Sheryl Fehr

USPS mail contact – Kaye Phillips

Recordings. Discussion of recording the retreat and/or workshops is tabled until May.

Children’s program – Chad O’Shea & Co.

Costs: In 2003 there were 68 doubles at \$315.00/person, 15 singles \$395.00/person and 27 commuters who paid a total of \$1,450 in attendance fees. Marie Pare moved and Beth Curtis seconded that the costs for participants remain the same for 2004. The motion was withdrawn. Chad O’Shea will investigate if there will be a maximum number of attendees and if Kanuga’s base rate for UMMAS has been changed from last year. People who cancel after August 15th will lose their deposits. Chad called Kanuga and found that there will be a slight increase in Kanuga’s base rate. There was consensus to maintain the decision to keep the cost the same as last year.

**Scholarships and Grants:**

CEP scholarships have traditionally been 50% of total cost of CEP for a maximum of \$500.00. Motion made to approve scholarships for Kaye Phillips, Laurie Hasulak and Lona Flood. Ed Kosak motioned, Margee Grounds seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Special Announcement:**

Joel Blackford brought copies of his new book for distribution to the UMMAS ministers as a gift. Thank you, Joel.

**Election of officers:**

Duties as enumerated in our UMMAS bylaws. Terms of office are 2 years.

President: Margee Grounds nominated Joel Blackford for President. Joel accepted and was elected by acclamation.

Vice President: Jervais Phillips nominated Denise Yeargin. She accepted and was elected by acclamation.

Secretary: Kaye Phillips announced her resignation as Secretary. Margee Grounds nominated Russell Heiland. He accepted and was elected by acclamation.

Gift motions:

There was a motion made by Jervais Phillips that UMMAS gift Sidney Magill-Lindquist and Scott Lindquist with \$11,000.00 to assist with a personal concern shared during heart check. Seconded by Marie Pare. Discussion ensued. The motion carried unanimously.

Marie Pare moved that UMMAS gift Susan Scott-Downs with \$20,000 to assist with a personal concern shared during heart check. Seconded by Lisa Thorpe. The motion carried unanimously.

Felicia Searcy moved that UMMAS gift Erin and Ed Kosak with \$6,000.00 to support their growing family. Seconded by Joel Blackford. The motion carried unanimously.

The business meeting closed with prayer at 5:00 p.m. on Feb. 3.

The next UMMAS business meeting will be May 3-5, 2004 at Unity Church of the Cumberland in Cookeville, TN.

Respectfully submitted,  
Russell Heiland, UMMAS Secretary

Addendum: The following individuals have provided these changes to their contact information. Please note:

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