

**Unity of Fairfax Board of Trustees Minutes
February 24, 2026**

Board Members Present	Others Present	Board Members Absent
Russell Heiland, Senior Minister	Bowman Kell	
Sherrie Quander, First Chair		
		Joe Liu, Second Chair
Kalahn Taylor-Clark, Treasurer		
Sue Carrillo, Secretary		
Tammy Nguyen, Keeper of the Flame		
Midd Hunt, Member at Large 1		
Dave Richardson, Member at Large 2		
Tina Ralicki, Member at Large 3		
Tim Tomastik, Member at Large 4		

Quorum present? Yes. Meeting was called to order at 6:57 pm EST

Executive Session: No executive session this meeting

Team/Committee Reports:

Financial Report: <https://www.unityoffairfax.org/board-financial-statements>

Minister's Report: Attached as Appendix 1

Old business:

- Solar update and discernment
 - Conversation will take place with solar team to move forward
- Newsletter approval
 - Tim reviewing the archives
 - He will draft the next newsletter to be completed for review
 - Can be sent this Friday 2/27, next Monday 3/2 or next Friday 3/6
 - Ensure there is no conflict with other newsletters being sent

New business:

- Tithe Policy update
 - Motion below
 - Will move to March meeting related to time tithing guidance
- Spring Fundraiser
 - Will move to March meeting due to time constraint
- Discussion to engage congregants who participate on Live Stream
 - Need to determine how to gather contact information

MOTIONS:

- Kalahn moved to update the language in the Unity of Fairfax Policy Manual to this:
 - *Tithes are paid on 10% of gross Love Offerings of the ministry, less expenses related to denominational conferences and travel by the Senior Minister. The Board of Trustees may review and identify other potential exceptions.*
- Tim seconded - unanimously passed.

MOTIONS:

- Sherrie moved 66% of Bequest to the Capital Reserve fund.
 - Kalahn seconded - unanimously passed.

MOTIONS:

- Sherrie moved to approve the January 2026 minutes
 - Kalahn seconded - unanimously passed.

MOTIONS:

- Russ moved that Unity of Fairfax make a one-time tithe of \$500.00 payable to Unity of Washington DC to help defray the presenter expense for Capon Springs Retreat 2026.
 - Kalahn seconded - unanimously passed.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm EST.



Appendix 1: Minister's Report

Progress Log on Minister Goals - I update this document on a regular basis. This log covers events and activities October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2026.

Discussion Items

Key items for discussion will be brought up under other agenda items.

Information Items

I will be participating in Faithful Resistance, an action in support of immigrant rights and civil treatment of immigrants on February 25th in Washington, DC. The event is coordinated by the United Methodist Church. At least 4 Unity ministers from VA, MD, NC, and PA are attending. Event time 9:00 am - 12:30 pm.

I will be attending a clergy meeting with Fairfax County Supervisor Palchik (Providence District) on February 26th.

I will be going to Florida March 3 (after office hours) -10, 2026. Rev. Sherrie will be guest speaker on March 8th. The purpose is to receive transdermal vitamin D infusion therapy in an aqueous solution.

I am in discussion with Rev. Cheryl Rose of Unity Spiritual Center in Springfield, VA about doing Holy Week services together.

I have booked a visit for Unity of Fairfax to the new Ragya Mahayana Buddhist Cultural Center in Marshall, VA for Friday, April 10th. Unfortunately, a weekend was readily available in the spring. Click [here](#) for a fun article about the Center. Thanks to Patty Hagan for bringing this to my attention.

I am in discussion with Rev. Edith Washington-Woods and Rev. Sylvia Sumter of Unity of Washington, DC about doing a Peace Walk in Washington, DC on Saturday, May 9th. Alternate dates are the 8th and 10th. We want to be close to Mother's Day as that holiday was originally created as a peace holiday following the Civil War.

Unity of Washington, DC, Unity of Gaithersburg, and Unity of Fairfax will again share the Capon Springs retreat. Dates are September 11-13, 2026. The presenter is Rickie Byars! A generous benefactor is covering Ms. Byars airfare.

Action Items:

I request that Unity of Fairfax make a 1-time tithe of \$500.00 payable to Unity of Washington, DC to help defray the presenter expense for the Capon Springs Retreat.



Rationale: Retreats are a known spiritual practice, and we often use Rickie's music in our services. The other ministries/ministers are making tithes to support this endeavor.