



Unity Renaissance Community Board Forum – June 2, 2013

1. Ed welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for an unbelievable 9 month within the Unity Renaissance family. There has been an increase in volunteerism and we have accomplished a great deal together.
2. Nominating Committee: Cordy Mack and Marsha Fink talked about the goal of generating new board members, at least two are added each year to replace members stepping down. To apply for board positions, you must be an active Member for at least two years and it is a good idea to have attended Unity classes or conferences.
3. Financial Statement has been mailed out.

We have had some financial challenges with income over the last three months. Please pray and hold us in a place of prosperity. Ongoing documentation of financial details for the year are posted on the Board board and everyone is invited to take a look. Thanks for the ongoing tithes, love offerings and shared talents that continue to support Unity Renaissance.

Question

- Faye- Why are we asking for money for the mortgage when we are operating below budget for our general expenses. (Would like to pay the mortgage off early, normal tithes and offerings cover day to day expenses).

Mortgage Balance Update- Heidi to discuss. It is a delicate balance to pay for basic expenses and look to pay down our mortgage. It would be great to say our mortgage is to be paid off by our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in November. The approximate current mortgage balance is \$28,636.05. Georgia made a board (with “flames”) to show our current mortgage balance as we collect money specifically to reduce the mortgage. Sounds of Joy raised \$748 toward the mortgage balance. We all received a special mailing with an envelope for additional contributions toward the mortgage. Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday we will announce where we are regarding the mortgage.

Question:

- Maureen- Asked about the monthly mortgage payment (approximately \$4100). Once the mortgage is paid off, this money could go for other things (repairs/improvements or renovations as needed).

Ed- Reported we needed approximately \$5,000 to pay the mortgage off by November. He said there had been a challenge to the board for contributions to the mortgage fund and he reported there to be over \$3,000 in the basket right now. He also pointed out that we do know some things needing attention now such as leaks in the roof, an aging AC/Heating system and a 20 year old facility that we will need to give back to.

Christopher- Reminded everyone that our staff has sacrificed financially through some tough times.

Any further questions regarding upcoming events? (There were none).

Ed- Update Regarding Ministerial Search: The Board has been very busy the last two weeks. We have a signed contract with Paula Coppel to be our next minister and she will be here in place no later than September 1<sup>st</sup>. We are very excited. Paula will probably be visiting here at the end of June. The Board went through all the paperwork, all the comments regarding each candidate. We want to thank Ann and Cordy for doing all the leg work to provide all the feedback in a manner that the Board could easily read. We want to thank the entire ministerial search team led by Eddie and Allen for all their hard work and for doing an excellent job.