

Columbia Center for Spiritual Living  
Minutes from the Board of Trustee Meeting  
on December 17, 2007.

Present: Rev. Gussie Scardina, Karen Brown, Ben Clark, Myla Dick, Donni Dingman.  
Accountant-Gloria Nutzhorn

The meeting started at 7:10 p.m. at Donni's house with an opening treatment by Rev. Gussie.

Successes:

- 1- A huge "Thank You" to Rev. Gussie and the Ministerial team for all their hard work in covering the Sunday Services and the Candle light service through Rev. Nancy's illness and resignation.
- 2- Sunday Service with the Men's Shelter Baltimore Station Band on Dec. 16th. The Church members really enjoyed the band.
- 3- Cookbooks-they are selling very well
- 4-CCSL tithe to GrassRoots for 2006 tithe

Nov. Board Minutes - No changes necessary, Karen made the motion to approve the minutes for Nov. and seconded by Ben. Unanimously approved.

Financial Report- Gloria

See attached report

- 1-Claudia Jaffa to get a check for the Malawi project- Karen to notify Claudia.
- 2-No information from the 2nd meditation service on Nov. 28,2007. Karen to check with Jenna and Annette about information.
- 3-General mention of numerous tithes in a letter to pledging members of church letting them know where their pledges are going.

3- 2008 Budget - Ben

- A) RSI dues- approximately 88 members.
- b) Prosperity class for 2008. Maybe offer something new?
- c) Eblast x2 a month with hard copy available on communication table in church.
- d) Gloria advised Board that aside from Senior Minister and Assistant Minister, no income to other assistant Staff Ministers should be designated as Manse expense.
- e) Rev. Lee wants to use the Hawthorne Center on Feb. 17,2008 for a meeting of the Youth Education Teachers.
- f) Rev. Gussie to talk to Ministers about 2008 Budget to see if it needs any additions from them. The Staff Ministers may propose alternative compensation depending on their individual service proposal.
- g) Tithing discussion- Ben handed out tithe suggestions to be reviewed. See attached. Need contacts to come to Church for the tithe checks on Dec. 30, 2007. Rev. Gussie to check with Bill and Judy who to contact for the Men's shelter. Karen made the motion to approve November Finance report. Seconded by Donni, unanimously approved.

Ministerial report- Rev. Gussie

- a) Rev. Gussie working on schedule. She will check to see if Rev. Judy can give the service on Jan. 6, 2008.
- b) Board requests outside Minister Speaker 2 times a month. Possibility Rev. Margaret Shepherd could give the service on Jan. 13, 2008 since she will be working with the Leadership team in the afternoon.
- c) The Board would like to meet once a quarter as Leadership team( Board and Ministerial team). Rev. Gussie to check with the Ministerial team.

Board Members-Donni

In November the Board received resignations from Letty Griffin and Heather Wandell. Donni and Rev. Gussie to work on a eblast announcing resignations and the need for new Board members.

Some church members have indicated an interest in the open positions already Myla to find the copies of the guidelines and bylaws and get copies to Donni.

Key tasks to cover right now-

- a) Timesheets- Myla is making sure copies of the time sheets are available to be filled out in the back room. That the time sheets are picked up and put in the briefcase to be sent to the office at the end of each month.
- b) Money counters- Board members are doing the counting for right now. Maybe we could get the Sunday Service Facilitator to help a Board member count the money.
- c) Sunday set-up.
- d) Marketing Team

Need to check if Ministerial team could help with set-up and Marketing team.

Karen to check if possible to change Board meetings from 3rd Monday of the month to 4th Monday of the month. She will check the schedule in the church office.

Leadership retreat with Rev. Margaret Shepherd on Jan. 13, 2008 at the church office at 12:30 p.m. Bring your lunch and get RSVP of who will be at the retreat.

Membership Report - Myla

Received 2 new member applications. Due to the holidays and Rev. Nancy leaving we were not able to have a Membership appreciation party.

We will plan for a new Member celebration on Feb. 10, 2008 Rev. Gussie will plan her service “ Members, the Heart of the Community” to include new member recognition. The Q&A meeting will be held after the service for anyone that has questions.

Adult Education- Rev. Gussie

Tabled until February.

Received an invoice from Joanna Clark for teaching “Keys to the Kingdom “class when Rev. Nancy became ill.

The meeting ended at 10:00 p.m. We then sat down to watch a DVD from RSI for recruiting a new Senior Pastor.

The next meeting will be Jan. 28, 2008 at the church office at 7:00p.m.