

# Columbia Center for Spiritual Living

Minutes from the Board of Trustee Meeting

January 28, 2008

Present: Bill Barbour, Karen Brown, Ben Clark, Myla Dick, Donni Dingman, Tim McIntyre, Rev. Gussie Scardina, Kathy Plasse.

Accountant- Gloria Nutzhorn

Practitioner- Joanna Clark holding consciousness

The meeting started at 7:05 p.m. with a welcome to the Ministerial team and Practitioners. Welcome to the new board members, Kathy, Bill and Tim. The opening treatment was by Rev. Gussie.

Successes:

1. The ministerial team commended the leadership of the Board these last couple of months during Rev. Nancy's illness and resignation. All the hard work is appreciated.
2. Gloria's hard work this past year working on the books and keeping all the up to date financial information.
3. Very successful pledge campaign. Thank you to Ben and Don for all their hard work.
4. Board thanks the Ministerial team and the Practitioners for all their hard work during Rev. Nancy's illness and resignation.
5. The Community Gathering to see the film "The Man who planted trees" at Kathy Plasse's house was a great success. 33 adults and 5 children enjoyed the film.
6. Teens showing up in grand ways with their Winter camp and current fund raiser.
7. Successful Technical team
8. Meditation circle will continue
9. Don Henderson- Computer Extraordinaire
10. 17 New members for 2007.
11. Rev. Lee was delighted to accept a \$400.00 tithe for the Children's home.
12. The Children's ministry is doing great.
13. Bill Barbour presented a \$500.00 tithe to the South Baltimore Men's Shelter. They greatly appreciated the tithe. A happy photo will follow. Also many clothes were donated to the shelter as well.
14. Increased members in the Choir.
15. Several tithes given out by the church.
16. Great work between the United Centers and RSI at the National level.

Dec. Board Minutes:

A couple of minor changes suggested by Ben. Karen made the motion to approve the minutes after changes were made. Seconded by Ben. Unanimously passed.

Special Board Meeting Minutes for New Board Members:

No changes needed. Myla made the motion to accept the minutes. Seconded by Donni. Unanimously approved.

Financial Report- Gloria

See attached.

Cash on hand report

Dec. 2007- weekly receipts

CCSL 2007 cash flow

Thanks to Ben and Gloria for all their hard work on the Financials for the Church.

Perhaps we can compare Quarterly reports from last year to this year.

Discussion about designating income to staff ministers (other than Senior and Assistant Minister) as "Manse". Needs to be regularly Salaried ministers. Such as Youth Ministry and Music Ministry. Gloria to create documents and mail them to Donni. Gary and Lee need to provide expense (mortgage bill). Ben made the motion that a regular stipend be designated Manse payment for Gary and Lee. Seconded by Donni.

Unanimously approved

Pledge drive results- Ben

Thank you to Ben and Don for all their hard work on the pledge drive. 85% of the pledges were received for 2007. The new 2008 Pledge drive will be announced Feb 10, 2008. Karen to work with Mick to get credit card payments available in the church service.

Goals for 2008 Budget- see attached

Change wording for goal #2. Instead of "hire a new full-time Pastor as leader/coordinator to 'Fill ministerial leadership role for the church community'".

Karen made the motion to approve the 2008 goals. Seconded by Kathy P. Unanimously approved.

Finance report-Gloria

Increase salary for set-up crew . 2 people only, effective Feb. 1, 2008. Karen made the motion for the increase. Seconded by Ben Unnanimously approved.

A increase for Mick's salary. Karen made the motion to increase Mick's salary effective Feb. 1, 2008. Seconded by Donni. Unanimously approved.

Tithing update-Karen

\$500.00 to Healthy Families

\$500.00 to Omni New Thought Center

\$500.00 to South West Shelter for Women

\$500.00 to the Serenity Center

\$1000.00 to Vision Builders

Checks still need to go out. .

Kathy Plasse to contact Cindy Miller. Will contact Rev. Gussie when to make announcement for presentation.

Kathy Jordan to contact Scott Bichell about check for Serenity Center.

Check to be presented to Kathy Jordan for the Omni New Thought Center. Kathy to email Board and copy to Rev. Gussie. Rev. Gussie to put information about Omni New Thought Center in

E-Blast.

Vision Builders- Rev. Margaret gave us a proposal to give talks in next 3 months to inform Community about Vision building. This will build skills and get Community time to use and practice skills.

See attachment page 2-3.

The finance team built this proposal into the 2008 budget draft. Donni made the motion to accept this proposal and hire Rev. Margaret with this contract. Seconded by Bill. Unanimously approved.

Outreach- Bill

Bill made a proposal to collect clothes, coats, and blankets for the Homeless on the streets. Would announce this at Church service this weekend. Collect the items on Feb. 10, 2008. E-blast to go out first week of February. Bill made the motion to accept proposal to support Homeless with collection and distribution. Seconded by Ben. Unanimously approved.

Finance discussed increasing Speaker Fees from \$12500 to \$150.00 per talk in Church service. Karen made the motion to approve increase. Seconded by Kathy P. Unanimously approved.

Membership- Myla

We almost met our 2007 goal of 18 new members with a final total of 17 new members. We already have 2 new members for 2008. The new member celebration will be Feb. 10, 2008. We will have the usual cake, and refreshment table. This will be followed with a Community Gathering. The Board to take 20 minutes to inform Community of what we have been working on regarding the leadership of the church. Rev. Gussie to incorporate a new member service into her talk.

Meditation Service- Jenna

A well defined proposal for the Meditation service was sent to the Board. The meditation services will restart on Feb. 13, 2008 and be the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. Jenna feels there should be more advertising. It was suggested to make more flyers, and perhaps advertise in the religious section in the Sun paper.

Passing a basket at the end of the service with an announcement “ “Your love offering will help pay for the room rental “at the end of the meditation service could help increase donations.

Jenna could look into possibly offering a meditation class to the Wellness Center at Heathy Families and the Serenity Center.

Bill made the motion to accept the meditation proposal. Seconded by Karen. Unanimously approved.

Marketing Team- Donni

We need a new Marketing team Chairperson.

See the attached Financial report for the Cookbook sales and Africa sales.

The meeting ended at 9:40 with a closing treatment.

Next meeting will be February 25, 2008 at the Church office at 7:00 p.m.