

# Columbia Center for Spiritual Living

Minutes from the Board of Trustee Meeting

February 25, 2008

Attending: Bill Barbour, Karen Brown, Ben Clark, Myla Dick, Rev. Gussie Scardina.

Absent: Donni Dingman, Tim McIntyre, Kathy Plasse.

Accountant: Gloria Nutzhorn

Guests: Rev. Julie Abbott, Rev. Gary Leard, David Jaffa, Jill Pekofsky, Joanna Clark. Cindy Risser is the practitioner holding consciousness. Rev. Margaret Shepard is also holding consciousness at her home this evening.

The meeting started at 7:10 p.m. at the church office with an opening silence and one word check in.

## Successes:

1. New Member celebration in January went well.
2. Science of Mind class 103- "Building a healing consciousness" has been a great class and is very powerful.
3. The Pledge campaign was launched last week.
4. A lot of blankets and coats were collected for the Homeless and handed out on the streets of Baltimore.
5. Lee's Funday school meeting held last month was well attended and very focused. This meeting helped to solidify the school group.
6. Sarah Henderson and Leah Pekofsky stepped up to teach Funday school. They created the lesson and taught the lesson to the kids. Job well done.
7. Valentine gift bags filled by the Funday school kids were taken to the Children's Home in Catonsville.

## February Board Meeting Minutes-

1. Need to change amount of Mick's salary. Bill made the motion to approve the changes and the February minutes. Seconded by Karen. Unanimously approved. Need to notify Don to change Church website to list Ben Clark as the Vice president of the board.

## Financial Team Report-Ben

Pledge Drive so far is \$21,700 with 11 pledges. The goal is \$120,000. Leadership pledges start with pledge forms and membership forms handed out to the Board members

There have been problems with getting into the computer program at the church office.

Gary will get the passwords to use the program with Mick and Gloria.

We hope to hand out a Membership directory at the Annual meeting on March 30, 2008.

Finance Report- Gloria-see attached

1. Weekly receipts the totals are down.
2. Attendance is down.
3. Need to be prudent with cash
4. Cash on hand- proposal to change RSI dues to number 65 church members not 100 members previously sent in.

Bill made the motion to accept the Financial report with amendments. Seconded by

Karen. Unanimously approved.

Some discussion about the Board meetings. We need to make decisions, knowing exactly what the decision is. Keeping boundaries clear and still working together. Keep up communication.

Membership- Myla to set up a table at church services for the next couple of weekends. Myla will have membership forms available and will accept checks for the RSI tithe.

Ministerial Team- Rev. Gussie

1. Ministerial team to include Rev. Julie Abbott in the March proposal to the Board. The proposal is due March 20, 2008.

2. RSI ordination require attendance at the Ministerial Leadership conference. 4 Ministers are interested in attending. Rev. Julie Abbott, Rev. Kathy Jordan, Rev. Gussie Scardina, Rev. Jenna Wexler.

There is a budget for Ministerial professional development of \$2000.00. Myla made the motion that the Ministerial team use the \$2000.00 at their discretion for 2008. Seconded by Bill. Unanimously approved.

3. The Ministerial team then presented a letter to the Board. Bill Barbour read it for the Ministerial team. See attached copy.

The Ministerial team desires the greatest and highest possible selection by the congregation They completely support the board in candidating and receiving the best options to be made available for the congregation to make the perfect choice. As one of the candidates, the ministerial team will be submitting a proposal in March to include all of the areas of the church to be served, all tasks and measurable deliverables in each area, along with a specific compensation plan that is balanced and detailed.

Bill made the motion to add this statement to the minutes-copy attached. Seconded by Karen. Unanimously passed.

Practitioner's Meeting- Joanna Clark

Cindy Risser, Wendy Green and Joanna Clark met and visioned for their role in CCSL. The Practitioners plan on meeting and visioning with the Ministerial team, then the Board members, and then the CCSL community. The Practitioners want the community to know that their voices are heard. They will ask "What do you ask of us"?

Marketing team- No marketing team news at this time.

Pastor Revelation Team-Ben Clark

Ben wrote a team charter with additions from Rev. Margaret. The team needs a representative from the ministerial team. The Board agrees to a Pastor revelation team size of 9 members. We will send out a Eblast to the community for anyone interested in being on the team to contact Karen. ? Made the motion to approve a 9 member Pastor revelation team. Seconded by Karen. Unanimously approved.

There needs to be a sign up list to have different practitioners hold the consciousness for the Pastor revelation team. This will enable Joanna Clark to participate on the team. ? made the motion to approve the start up meeting of the Pastor Revelation team with Rev. Margaret on March 2, 2008. Seconded by Myla. Unanimously approved.

Annual Meeting- March 30,2008

Meeting to plan annual meeting rescheduled to March 9,2008 after service. We need to announce we are taking nominations for Board members. We have 2 empty positions. We need to announce the Annual meeting will be March 30,2008.

Outreach-Bill

Bill has Flutes made in Tanzania to be played in church. They could be for sale at \$100.00. 85% of the money goes back to Outreach Africa. 15% to church. Flutes for sale on March 9, 2008.

Karen made the motion to accept Bill selling the flutes. Seconded by Bill. Unanimously approved.

Karen made the motion to approve Rev. Gussie to have a vote in the Board meetings. Seconded by Bill. Unanimously approved.

The meeting ended at 10:10 p.m. with a closing treatment.

The next meeting will be March 24,2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the church office.