

Columbia Center for Spiritual Living

Minutes from the Board of Trustees Meeting

March 24, 2008

Attending: Bill Barbour, Ben Clark, Myla Dick, Donnie Dingman, Tim McIntyre, Kathy Plasse. Absent: Karen Brown. Attending by Phone: Rev. Gussie
Guests: Lee Blaisdell, Gary Leard, Kathy Jordan, Jenna Wexler. Attending by phone:
Julie Abbott.

Jenna Wexler is the Reverend holding consciousness

The meeting started at 7:10 pm. with an opening treatment by Lee. This was followed by a moment of silence and one word input.

Successes:

1. Sunday set-up all on time. Smooth celebration with spirit music and band.
2. Youth program- 2 assistants- Amy Whitney and Patti Drazin have graduated up to new teachers.
3. Baltimore Men's shelter- 12 volunteers from the Center showed up to serve.
4. Kathy Jordan did a presentation at the Ministers conference in New Jersey on Global growth. She mentioned that CCSI donated \$500.00 to the Religious Science project in Portugal.
5. PRT Team met and the next meeting will be next Monday March 31, 2008 at the Center office.

February Minutes-No changes need to be made. Myla made the motion to accept February minutes. Seconded by Bill Barbour. Unanimously approved.

Financial Report- Ben

1. Weekly receipts are down. The Center will need to do a budget reconciliation very soon.
2. Gloria to add SOM Class check for Gussie to March financial report. Gussie to submit an invoice. Gary to e-mail out invoices to Kathy and Gussie.
3. Ben will get Gloria to check expo-promotion amount. Office space insurance amount. Office rent amount listed on budget report.
4. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Gloria and her mom. Her mom is dealing with major health issues at this time.

Finance Team-Ben

1. Tim to co-chair with Don Henderson in place of Ben Clark for the Finance team.
2. Pledge drive is around \$42,000 to \$45,000 tithed so far.
3. Ben plans on giving Center members information at the annual meeting. Clear understanding to the Center members will help with pledge drive. Ben needs to address membership about why we need to donate pledges.

E-blast to go out informing members they need to fill out a new membership form. At the annual meeting the Board will give reports and the membership needs to vote on 2 board positions.

Membership: Myla

1. Myla brought up the issue of absentee ballots. A member had brought up the possibility of needing an absentee ballot. There are 2 open positions and 2 candidates running. Myla to contact member to inform her that there are 2 candidates, Sheri Grue and Ben Clark. Then find out if there is someone else this member would want to nominate for the open positions.

2. We need 20% current membership attendance to make a quorum at the annual meeting.

3. RSI tithes- There are no membership dues. The center tithes \$35 a member to RSI. RSI has it open to what each church tithes

4. Kathy Jordan and Lee Blaisdell offered to help Myla get a information letter announcing the changes to the center and the membership form to be sent out to the Center community. We will need to update the mailing list by combining 3 other lists.

Pastor Revelation Team-Donni

1. The PRT met and created a charter. See attached.

2. After some discussion, the charter was amended to remove Rev. Julie's name as member. As noted with an asterisk, Rev. Julie is attending the meeting thru identification of selection criteria.

3. Amend the Purpose section by replacing "Pastor" with Ministerial leadership. Amend selection" criteria for the Pastor" with criteria for Ministerial leadership. Amend job "description for the Pastor " with description for the Ministerial leadership.

Donni made the motion to accept the amended charter. . Seconded by Bill. Unanimously approved. Donni to send a copy of the PRT charter to Rev. Gussie.

Ministerial Team- Lee Blaisdell

Lee handed out a list of responsibilities of the Ministerial team. They are ready to serve immediately and support these areas. The RA-Rev. is the point person for this area. The support Reverend is the built in back up.

Annual Meeting- All

1. Myla will take care of table clothes ,plates,napkins plastic ware,water, and ice. Board members and Ministerial team will bring snacks.

2. Opening treatment by Gussie

3. 2007- Year of Transition

4. 2008 Goals -on pledge brochure

5. Accomplishments

6. Financial report- Projected budget from Karen

7. What we plan. What happended? Strength of community during what we have gone through.

8. Board nominees- Sheri Gru and Ben Clark. There will be no ballots, but a vote by acclimation.

9. Pledge program
10. PRT Team
11. Q & A
12. Closing treatment- by Ministerial team.

Quickbooks- Karen

Need to purchase new version for the Center office. Kathy made the motion to purchase the new version. Seconded by Tim. Unanimously approved.

Closing treatment at 10:00 p.m. by Rev. Gary.

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