

# Columbia Center for Spiritual Living

Minutes from the Board of Trustees Meeting

April 28, 2008

Attending: Bill Barbour, Karen Brown, Myla Dick, Donnie Dingman, Shari Grue, Tim McIntyre, and Kathy Plasse., Rev. Gussie Scardina.

Accountant: Gloria Nutzhorn

Absent: Ben Clark

Cindy Risser will be holding consciousness at home for this meeting.

The meeting started at 7:15 p.m. with an opening treatment by Donni and a one word check in.

Successes:

1. Kathy Plasse-counted money for the first time. Lee Petersen made a generous tithe to CCSL in honour of his wife, Rev. Lynn Billingsly.
2. PRT team has completed the questions and candidate application form.
3. New faces and old faces in church. A lot of chairs full in this last service.
4. Shari Gru's first meeting.
5. Ministerial team is doing a great job with the services
6. Great E-blasts going out.

March minutes: approved, no changes

Myla made the motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Bill. Unanimously approved.

Financial Report-Gloria

1. Cash on hand- The finance committee needs to look at what percent we need to tithe to RSI. What tithe could be considered for the 1st quarter?
2. 2008-cash flow- 1st quarter
  - a. Gloria will deduct the amount of the RSI tithe from the 2007 tithe obligation as well as on going in 2008.
  - b. Weekly receipts for April and March.
  - c. Karen to follow up on SOM 103 classes tuitions paid to be on cash flow sheet.
  - d. New 2008 budget.

Dec. Board Meeting -Addendum

Indicate that the Board increased Rev. Gussie's salary that has been reflected in the 2008 budget effective Jan. 1, 2008. We also increased Rev. Lee's salary effective Feb. 1, 2008. Bill made the motion to approve the amendment. Seconded by Tim. Unanimously approved. Gussie abstained.

Meditation Service- Donni

Wendy is willing to volunteer her services until the meditation service starts to be better attended. Bill and Rev. Kathy and Jenna to meet to create more advertising. They will be working on getting more donations at the service. The contract ends in May at the Hawthorne Center. Bill made the motion to approve the proposal to keep the Meditation

at the Hawthorne center in the smaller back room. Seconded by Karen. Unanimously approved.

Pledge drive update- Donni

Discussion about communicating more to the center members about the PRT team. This may encourage members to make their pledges to the center.

Membership report- Myla

48 membership forms filled out.

Myla to work with Rev. Lee and Rev. Kathy on getting membership forms sent out to older members of center. Myla will work with Rev. Gussie on writing up a letter for mass mailing.

Bill to meet with Rev. Kathy and Rev. Jenna to start up marketing team. They are to meet on May 5th.

2008 Budget-

1. Discussion about minister's reimbursement categories. Change the 2 separate categories of staff minister professional expenses and assistant staff minister professional expenses into 1 category of assistant minister/ staff minister professional expenses.
2. We need a plan for the end of year for SOM classes-Rev. Gussie already working on a schedule.

Karen made the motion to approve the 2008 budget currently as is. Seconded by Shari. Unanimously approved

Social events-Shari, Kathy P, Myla

Deferred until next month

The BOD meeting was then closed to board members only. Rev. Gussie was excused.

Pastor Revelation Team-Donni

Description of CCSL Senior Spiritual leader completed.

Questions for CCSL Senior Spiritual leader completed.

Discussion ensued. Donni made the motion to accept description and questions created by PRT team. Seconded by Bill. Unanimously approved.

Ministerial application-Donni

Discussion about needing a cover letter to go out with each candidate. Karen and Donni to draft a cover letter then send out to the Board for approval. Karen made a motion to approve amended candidate request form. Seconded by Tim. Unanimously approved.

Discussion about Church profile form. Look over if any changes need to be made, send email to Donni before May 5, 2008. Deadline for candidate application submissions is June 16, 2008

We need to get this information out to the Center Community. Donni to make an announcement this Sunday at the service that the Board approved the PRT lists and

questions at the last Board meeting. Rev. Gussie to include info in an E-Blast. On May 18, 2008 we will have a QA session after service for the community. We need to ask the PRT team to stay after also to answer questions at QA.

The next meeting will be on Wed. May 28, 2008 not Monday May 26, 2008 because of the holiday. I will let Rev. Gussie and Ben know about the change.

Closing treatment by Donni. The meeting ended at 10:50 p.m.