

Regular Meeting
Board of Trustees of the Center for Spiritual Living
May 26, 2009 1:30 PM

Present: Keith Jefferson; Diann Durbin, RScP; Ray Rebello, Rev. Dr. Kathianne Lewis; Hajara Rahim, RScP; Denise McDonald, RScP; Alinda Page, Freddie Barrett
Absent: Cindy Garfein; Roald Blom
Non-voting Attendees: Bob Calkins, RScP, Practitioner to the Board; Raylene Ewing, RScP, Recording Secretary; Carmin Kessler, RScP; Rev. Michael Ingersoll

1:34 P.M. Keith Jefferson called the meeting to order. Bob Calkins, RScP, gave the opening prayer.

Visioning

Kathianne led the board in visioning for the church. See attached document.

Minutes and Reports

Monthly Minutes from April 28, 2009 6:30 PM

Diann Durbin requested that "RScP" be added after Denise McDonald's name in the attendance section.

Kathianne Lewis moved to accept the monthly minutes as amended; Denise McDonald seconded. The motion was passed with the following abstentions: Hajara Rahim and Alinda Page.

Monthly Financial Report – Kathianne Lewis

April financials were reviewed. Kathianne declared it a "standard month." Our Optimistic Budget is slightly behind, but a significant gain is anticipated in the fourth quarter.

Diann mentioned the Operations Taxes Permits and Insurance are not on budget. It was noted that the budget is calculated monthly but paid quarterly which accounts for the discrepancy.

Diann asked if we are caught up with tithes; Kathianne explained that due to the nature of the staggered payments this will always appear to be one month behind.

Kathianne drew attention to the YTD numbers which indicate an increase from the prior year.

Carmin said the board will be receiving more streamlined reports thanks to the efforts of Alinda Page.

New York Trip – Kathianne Lewis

Kathianne and Michael Ingersoll have cancelled their expected trip to New York in favor of putting their efforts into projects here, such as expanding our message via YouTube and social networking sites.

SWOT Meeting with Students – Kathianne Lewis

Kathianne invited 50+ congregants who have been students in our classes to assess our curriculum using the SWOT model. Nineteen students attended. See e-mail summary from John Broderick.

Congratulations – Alinda Page

Alinda Page announced her acceptance to the Interfaith Seminary in New York. Alinda will be a distance learner, remaining in Seattle.

Mission and Intentions: The church mission statement and intentions have been rewritten to have a wider appeal to newcomers who may not be familiar with new thought jargon. Suggestions were made by the board. Ray and Michael will finish the revisions.

Congregant Comment: Denise mentioned that a congregant told her he is tithing on one million dollars.

Implications: Carmin facilitated a discussion of the implications of the church's intentions. The question asked was: "What do we want to use as the indicators of our success?"

Deliver the message that God is Good and so are we. Weekly church attendance; how many times is the message "God is Good" delivered; expand to three new media (YouTube and social networking sites)

To grow and prosper as a spiritual organization through practicing what we teach. Attendance; Pledge attainment; Membership and contributions; Per-capita giving

To expand our influence and support to those beyond our campus. Be one of the top 5 go-to resource in the Puget Sound region for press inquiries and opinions regarding spiritual/religious issues; Press mentions; Web hits; Outreach services; Holiday projects; Virtual delivery system

To provide premier spiritual education that supports our vision and mission. Number of offerings; Attendance; New offerings; Diverse offerings that are successfully attended; Projected attendance met; Evaluations; Increase of 20% per year of class attendance; Retreat attendance

To support people in having a place to belong. Membership; Volunteer involvement; Connection circles; Small group participation; of members affiliated in a group

Long-Range Planning

Waste Water Proposal from City: The church campus remains a top venue choice for the city's waste water system update. Even if chosen, the church has multiple options for diminishing the impact on campus use and parking. There will be no action until 2012. An e-mail will be sent to the board; please confirm receipt.

Good Neighbor Status: Michael held a meeting with Windermere neighborhood, which has helped build a good relationship with them.

Membership: Our membership survey revealed that overall members are satisfied. Kathianne suggested we educate our members on what it means to be active, loyal and supporting. She further suggests an acknowledgement system: perhaps symbols or words to add to name tags. Michael supports the idea of members-only events such as Rev. Lynnea has held. Carmin will enlist help for exploring a tiered-system. Ray agreed to consider being the person to write the proposal for such a system. Carmin invited him to join the membership committee.

Board Member Recruiting: Board members made eleven recommendations for possible board members.

6:15 P.M. Keith Jefferson adjourned the meeting. Bob Calkins, RScP, gave the closing prayer. Next meeting to be held Tuesday, July 28th, at 6:30 P.M. in Thomas Troward.