

Regular Meeting
Board of Trustees of the Center for Spiritual Living
August 25, 2009 6:30 P.M.

Present: Freddie Barrett; Roald Blom; Diann Durbin, RScP; Cindy Garfein; Keith Jefferson; Rev. Kathianne Lewis, D.D.; Denise McDonald, RScP; Alinda Page; Ray Rebello

Absent: Hajara Rahim, RScP

Non-voting: Carmin Kessler, RScP; Heather LaneMcCants; Karen Ramsey; Pamela Williams, RScP, Practitioner to the Board

6:40 P.M. Keith Jefferson called the meeting to order. Pamela Williams, RScP, gave the opening prayer.

Minutes and Reports

Monthly Minutes from July 28, 2009 6:30 PM

The dollar amounts were removed from the SPU request list under Hard and Soft Compensation at Ray Rebello's suggestion

Ray Rebello moved to approve the minutes as amended; Freddie Barrett seconded; motion carried.

Stewardship Campaign: Karen Ramsey, Stewardship Campaign Chair

Theme: Oh, the Places You'll Go with Spirit as Your Source!

Pledge Amount Goal: \$2.6 Million

Schedule is as follows:

- o October 11, 2009: Pledge Dinner – Note: All Board of Trustees members are asked to be Table Captains at the Pledge Dinner
- o November 15, 2009: Pledge Sunday – Note: All Board of Trustees members are asked to be present all day on Pledge Sunday)
- o January 2, 2010: Campaign Closes

After giving her report, Karen Ramsey exited the meeting.

Financial Report: Roald Blom and Rev. Kathianne Lewis

Finances are down due to summer and the general economy, but they are much higher than last year

US Bank is concerned with our income to expense ratio and would like to see us make a higher monthly profit. Efforts are being made to remedy this.

Roald Blom will work to set up a meeting with the Finance Committee

Rev. Kathianne Lewis commented that our cash available for operations is better than anticipated, meaning we have not spent as much as we expected

Update on the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Project: Rev. Kathianne Lewis and Alinda Page

We have hired attorney Darryl Deutsch to represent us in the CSO project

Mr. Deutsch has sent a letter to Audrey Hansen, Manager, Seattle Public Utilities, to inform her that he is representing us

Mr. Deutsch recommended that we do not take much further action before receiving a formal proposal from the City of Seattle

Mr. Deutsch will be paid 1/3 of any increase he is able to obtain for us, or if there is no increase, \$350 per hour

Management Team Report: Rev. Kathianne Lewis and Carmin Kessler

Rev. Kathianne updated the Board on Rev. Michael Ingersoll's injury

Eric O'del will work on Sundays and will be paid by the hour until Eddie Watkins Jr. arrives October 6th

Staff Minister Search: We are still looking for a minister who has Project Management skills to head up or facilitate a project or program

Rev. Roya Camp will be our on-staff writer

Rev. Vaughan Amare has been given a letter of call for the remainder of 2009.

Rev. Kathianne Lewis made a motion to approve a housing allowance of \$320 per month for Rev. Roya Camp and of \$2,200 per month for Rev. Vaughan Amare; Ray Rebello seconded; motion carried.

All Community Meeting August 26th: Rev. Kathianne Lewis

Congregant Comments

There were 217 people at Seabeck.

Rev. Robert Calkins will no longer serve as Practitioner to the Board as he is looking for a letter of call and feels it would be a conflict of interest. The Board passed around a Thank you card for Rev. Calkins.

Board of Trustees Q&A August 30, 2009

Will be the same format as usual

Denise McDonald, Keith Jefferson, Ray Rebello, and Freddie Barrett volunteered to attend

Other News

Also on Sunday August 30th:

- Youth Sunday, Thank-you Teachers event after second service
- Training for concierges to engage people
- Eric's Farewell Event
- Shuttling starts again

St. Francis House executive directors visited on Sunday to thank us for our contributions

Elections for new Board of Trustees will be in March 2010

9:30 P.M. Keith Jefferson adjourned the meeting. Pam Williams, RScP, gave the closing prayer. Next meeting Tuesday, September 22nd at 6:30 P.M. in Acorn.