

Regular Meeting
Board of Trustees of the Center for Spiritual Living
January 26, 2010 7:30 P.M.

Present: Freddie Barrett; Diann Durbin, RScP; Cindy Garfein; Keith Jefferson; Rev. Kathianne Lewis, D.D.; Denise McDonald, RScP; Hajara Rahim, RScP; Ray Rebello
Absent: Alinda Page
Non-voting: Carmin Dalziel, RScP; Heather LaneMcCants; Elaine Marklund, RScP; Dominic
Attendees: Yuriar, Member

7:30 P.M. Keith Jefferson called the meeting to order. Elaine Marklund gave the opening prayer.

Minutes and Reports

Monthly Minutes from December 15, 2009

There were no amendments.

Cindy Garfein moved to approve the minutes; Freddie Barrett seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Follow-up to December 15, 2009 minutes

We now have the ley-line map.

We will begin to have services available for purchase and download on the web in March 2010.

Nominations Committee

Diann Durbin gave the Nominations Committee Report.

We have four slots open for Board of Trustee members.

We have seven applicants: Cindy Clay, Denny Conner, Keith Jefferson (incumbent), Thomas Mead, Jeff Pettiross, Isolina Pommier, and Ray Rebello (incumbent).

We will have a decision on the four recommended candidates in time to send the slate to members February 7th, 30 days before the annual meeting.

Congregant Comments

Question: To whom was the letter regarding the budget cuts sent? Answer: to invested audiences (Staff, Practitioners, Board of Trustees); Members from 2009, 2010, and pledgers; and people who had given previously in the last two years. Total 1700 email addresses were sent the letter.

Thank you for operating in the black and not operating at a deficit.

Dominic Yuriar was present at this meeting to get more plugged in.

Someone mentioned the water coolers were gone and that that was an expense that had been cut.

Someone was concerned about not having support for programs. They were asked to submit a letter expressing their concerns.

Ernest Holmes told us to teach and to heal. Everything that teaches and heals is still in place.

Financial Report

Kathianne Lewis gave the financial report.

At the end of 2009, notice we were under budget for total income, but almost spot on with giving.

Classes were really low and events were a little low.

Before depreciation, we were up by \$185,000.

We lost cash, but some things were capitalized as much as possible to increase our debt-to-income ratio.

The ratio is off by 2/100's of a percent, so we are being penalized plus our percentage rate is increased.

2010 Budget is still a work in progress.

Expenses will come down even more.

Final budget will be available for annual meeting on March 7th.

Update on Facility Use (given by Carmin Dalziel):

Lifetime Learning Center deal comes through this week

Seattle Girls Choir selected a different location

Will be offering Meetings with King County Mental Health, Community organizations, Memorials and Weddings

Cindy Garfein made a motion to accept the preliminary budget for the months of January and February 2010. Diann Durbin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Comments:

Staff's management of expenses is really commendable.

Great job Kathianne Lewis and Carmin Dalziel and senior management team on your work on the budget.

Denise McDonald will be "praising and raising" the bank and invites the Board members to do the same/do forgiveness work. The Truth is God is in this and we are blessed and we need to claim that blessing.

Board members are asked to jump on the shuttle to thank riders for participating.

Management Team Report

Kathianne Lewis gave the Management Team Report.

Kathianne Lewis acknowledged Carmin Dalziel, Michael Ingersoll, and Barbara Novak for thinking outside the box in the process of adjusting the budget.

The management team has come up with new products and new ways of advertising.

We will be hosting a Gary Zukav event in which we will get half the proceeds.

Playback Theatre performed for the staff and it was a really good gift.

We are becoming more techno-savvy: streaming classes, and the teleclass is our future progression.

We sold 250 Intentions Workbooks!

Carmin Dalziel added: letters will go out next week about "If you haven't renewed your pledge..."

Seattle Public Utilities Update

Kathianne Lewis gave an update on Seattle Public Utilities.

We are off their hit list to a degree. They no longer have access to our property. They know we really do not want them here.

Nancy Ahern came to visit Kathianne Lewis and said they were looking at all the options.

More was discussed after adjournment in a closed meeting.

Adjournment

8:45 P.M. Keith Jefferson adjourned the meeting. Elaine Marklund gave the closing prayer.

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held Tuesday, February 23, 2010, at 6:30 P.M. in the Acorn Room.