

**Annual Membership Meeting
Center for Spiritual Living
March 7, 2010 1:00 P.M.**

Present: Freddie Barrett; Diann Durbin, RScP; Cindy Garfein; Keith Jefferson; Rev. Kathianne Lewis, D.D.; Denise McDonald, RScP; Alinda Page; Hajara Rahim, RScP; Ray Rebello; Members of Center for Spiritual Living (list attached)

Absent:

Non-voting Congregants that are not members

Attendees:

1:04 P.M. Keith Jefferson called the meeting to order. Hajara Rahim gave the opening prayer.

Reports

Acknowledgement of Current Board

Kathianne Lewis introduced members of the 2009-2010 Board of Trustees.

Kathianne Lewis acknowledged the two outgoing members of the Board of Trustees, Cindy Garfein who will continue working with the Coming of Age program, and Hajara Rahim who will be on the Practitioner Executive Council.

Kathianne Lewis acknowledged the team that put together the Annual Report.

Treasurer's Report

Denise McDonald provided the Treasurer's Report. Highlights of the 2009 year include:

2009 was a financially challenging year for many organizations across the United States.

Revenue was flat from 2008-2009. The bulk of revenue is always from the congregation.

In 2009, contributions were fairly close to budget, under by approximately 1%. Revenue from classes and bookstore were under budget. We did not bring in all the income that we budgeted. We are not in a bad place, but not in the great place we would like to be and look forward to being again.

Total assets are slightly down. Retreat income was up. Bookstore revenue was up. Building use revenue was up.

Expenses went up related to debt service.

Our net operating income went down by \$100,000 before depreciation and before the rate swap.

We are a tithing organization, based on the spiritual principles we teach. We tithe on our contributions.

The Board of Trustees is working diligently to keep our bottom line positive.

Items Requiring a Vote

2010-2011 Board of Trustees

Diann Durbin read from the Bylaws regarding the role of the Board of Trustees and explained that we had four openings on the Board and seven applicants.

Diann Durbin thanked the nominating committee: Freddie Barrett, Kathianne Lewis, Tess Wegier, and Don Lee; and read the committee duties from the Bylaws.

Diann Durbin introduced the slate of candidates and noted that they were unanimously nominated by the nominating committee: Keith Jefferson, Thomas Mead, Isolina Pommier, and Ray Rebello. Each nominee spoke to what excites them about serving on the Board of Trustees.

Diann Durbin opened the floor for nominations. There were none.

Richard Page moved to accept the slate of nominees; Paul Ramey seconded; motion carried.

Diann Durbin welcomed the new members to the Board of Trustees.

Senior Minister's Report

Kathianne Lewis gave the Senior Minister's Report.

Kathianne Lewis acknowledged the great deal of work that goes on behind the scenes and makes the church seem seamless.

Financially we did not do great but we are only down \$100,000. We had to tighten our belts but not as much as it could have been.

Our children's church is skyrocketing. The Coming of Age people are so dedicated to our adults-in-waiting that they paid a facilitator to facilitate a co-creation process. No matter the number of children attending church on any given Sunday, there are almost double the number of prayer requests.

Prayer requests are increasing, and people are going deep; grappling with their own limitations, and miracles are happening in people's lives.

We have had several major changes over the last couple of years: We built and moved into the Celebration Hall; Eric O'del moved on after 14 years of service; we had significant financial issues; and we had to let beautiful, wonderful people go from staff.

Kathianne Lewis's prayer is that we will be the kind of people who can bring heaven to earth. Seabeck is her image of how our church could be all the time: that we take changes in stride. Like the image of the family sitting at the table, dealing with issues on the table – to be able to look at anything and face anything, and fill every single seat. We need to go deep and then broad.

Kathianne Lewis thanked everyone and told them she loved them.

Acknowledgements

Keith Jefferson acknowledged the Practitioner Body and the Ministerial Staff.

Cindy Garfein, Freddie Barrett, and Ray Rebello acknowledged the church staff.

Closing

Elaine Marklund gave the closing prayer.

Keith Jefferson adjourned the meeting at 1:50pm.