

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

Present: Freddie Barrett, Keith Jefferson, Rev. Kathianne Lewis, Denise McDonald RScP,
Thomas Mead, Alinda Page, Isolina Pommier
Absent: Diann Durbin RScP, Ray Rebello
Non-voting Attendees: Carmin Dalziel, RScP; Heather LaneMcCants, Executive Assistant

Alinda Page called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Minutes/Reports

Keith Jefferson reported on the Rebuilding Together event April 24, 2010.

- About 90 people prayed in, approximately 125 people there throughout the day.
- Carmin Dalziel added that two cranes, literally tons of paint, gutters, and bathroom doors were all donated.
- Phenomenal experience.

Michael Ingersoll reported on the Compassionate Action Network event April 24, 2010.

- Began as a rental opportunity with TPN, the event production company, and evolved from there.
- There were about 300+ in attendance and thousands of people online as part of the event.
- People from our community worked 15-18 hours on the day.
- People loved us and loved our space.
- Alinda Page attended a Compassionate Action Network wrap-up event. The people loved us and were very well pleased.

Members of the board provided brief introductions of themselves.

Approval of Minutes

Denise McDonald moved to approve minutes as amended. Keith Jefferson seconded. Kathianne Lewis abstained. Motion carried.

Financial Report

Denise McDonald gave the Financial Report.

- Finance Committee met on Tuesday, April 20, 2010.
- YTD we are ahead of budget.
- Our contributions follow how many Sundays there are. Quarters and YTD is a better indicator of contributions than months.
- We are looking at budget adjustments based on how numbers will flow. Will not change bottom line.
- Thank you Denise McDonald and Bruce Strasser for all of your work.

Management Team Report

- Kathianne Lewis gave a report on behalf of Barbara Novak on Adult Education.
- We have over 600 people enrolled in either classes or retreats right now. With 1000 people in Sunday attendance, this means we have a very participatory congregation.
- Highlights include: Classes have less attrition; we are getting great feedback from small groups; holding ongoing teacher training; and getting more support from teachers in getting the word out about classes
- Carmin Dalziel spoke about a potential Membership Conference, consisting of workshops for members. This would replace the community carnival. Let Carmin Dalziel know if you would like to participate in this event.
- Michael Ingersoll spoke about giving: Some pledgers are ahead of their giving schedule and some have not given yet. Thank-you letters going out to people who have met their pledge already. Michael Ingersoll, Sharon Ramey,

Karen Ramsey, and Jane Power: Thriving Team. People felt special that they could come early to Jesus Christ Superstar and get their seats. Looking for those types of opportunities and ideas.

- Gourmets for God: Two more weeks of recruiting to go. Ramp up visibility and work on getting forms back in. Pat on the back to Deborah Esposito and Tracy Norman.

New Business

- Carmin Dalziel: Discussion on long-term rental projects. Denise McDonald moved to adopt the policy as amended. Thomas Mead seconded. Motion carried.
- Carmin Dalziel currently in negotiations with Sweet Pea Cottage.
- Thank you Thomas Mead and Keith Jefferson for your help on this.

Board Vision and plans for what we want to accomplish as a board.

- Strategic planning update: Last meeting was November 2009. Subgroups have been at work on the projects they came up with. Wisdom Council has offered guidance.
- We now have the full list of projects and team leaders are being asked to score their projects.
- On May 12, 2010, the teams will meet again and we will eliminate overlap and work through the list and identify the projects we want to start with.
- End result is a working document we can use for the next five years. We will attach performance measures to it. It will drive budget preparation and monitoring.
- The strategic planning process is being facilitated by Steve and Cindy Garfein.

Tamie Kellogg

- Report result of 2009 membership study and of 2007 interviews with members. Many things have happened as a result of these studies.
- Our hedgehog has been identified by Ernest Holmes as “We are a teaching and practicing organization.”

Roles & Responsibilities

- Wisdom Council: a group of people who help us do planning; experts in growth, PR, marketing; a management think tank, a coach focused on the operation of the church, not policy decisions. Paul Ramey, Kellie LaRue, Steve Garfein, Keith Jefferson, Cindy Clay.
- Staff: work under the Senior Minister with the support of a wonderful group of people on the senior management team.
- Board of Trustees: makes the policies, and the Senior Minister and staff fulfill the policies. Ecclesiastical matters are under auspices of the senior minister (all spiritual things/activities) – teaching the Science of Mind, spiritual practices, classes, retreats. Practitioner body falls under this umbrella.

Adjournment

Alinda Page adjourned the meeting at 9:05pm.

Kathianne Lewis gave the closing prayer.