

Regular Meeting
Board of Trustees of the Center for Spiritual Living
June 28, 2010 6:30 P.M.

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

Alinda Page called the meeting to order at 6:27pm.

Allyson Hughes gave the opening prayer.

Minutes/Reports

Kathianne Lewis moved to approve the minutes. Keith Jefferson seconded. Motion carried.

Financial Report

Denise McDonald gave the financial report.

- We are making budget and not greatly surpassing the budget. It was a good decision to set the budget according to pledges.
- Finance Committee will continue to meet and prepare key indicators for the Board of Trustees.
- Always keep an eye on the cash flow coverage ratio which is important to our mortgage bank ratio requirement which must exceed 1.15. We are going into the summer with a strong status.
- What happens if we have one bad month? The 12-month rolling average buffers us if that should happen.

Management Team Report

Kathianne Lewis gave the management team report.

- There is a great deal going on. Kathianne Lewis suggests that we send updates to the Board with all that is going on as needed.
- Michael Ingersoll is thanking and blessing our givers.
- Lots of good stuff going on; but Kathianne Lewis wonders if we're doing too much.
- Kathianne Lewis is thinking about redoing Practitioner I and doing two tracks: one Inward Journey and the other is an Emma Curtis Hopkins intensive, mystical bent.
- Carmin Dalziel added that the phone system is being updated. All staff will have new extensions. People are still sending to @cslseattle.org, so if you hear of anyone who can't get emails through, let them know about @spiritualliving.org.

Congregant Comments

Ray Rebello handed out Draft Congregant Comment procedures.

- Congregant comments come in two forms, either a question or a complaint.
- Ray Rebello volunteers as Secretary to keep a record of congregant comments sent to him by Board members or staff. Reports will be given to the Board but not discussed during the meeting.
- If you are asked a question, answer it if you can. If you cannot, let Ray Rebello know.
- Possible emerging issues will be examined by the Secretary to determine whether or not they should be brought to the Board via email if a monthly meeting is not timely enough.
- The committee will meet again to do specific procedures regarding social media.
- We will try this new procedure for a while and see how it works.
- Will also help with developing common, consistent communication throughout the Board.

Old Business

- Michael Ingersoll reported on Gourmets for God: We have 105 hosts for G4G events, as well as additional helpers. 261 bidders in silent auction raised \$28,000+. Live auction had just over 100 people, who raised \$20,100. If we sell 2 additional trips, we will have raised \$50,000. First event was last Saturday. It was top notch. Great deal of gratitude is being expressed and community-building is happening.
- Isolina Pommier added that the G4G committee learned a lot of best practices and ways to improve for next year.
- The team is to be commended: Den Adair, Jason and Julie Bragg, Sherry Dawley, Deborah Esposito, Roni Hicks, Tara Irvin, Mardi Newman, Tracy Norman, Alinda Page, and Isolina Pommier.

Strategic Plan Update

- Took direction from Wisdom Council and prioritizing from Kathianne Lewis and senior management team.
- Isolina Pommier handed out the spreadsheet we might use for tracking progress on our prioritized strategic projects.
- The projects are prioritized right now according to what will help bring new people in to the church or raise money.
- Denise McDonald reported that Steve Garfein is greatly impressed with the progress we have made on the plan.
- Thank you to Steve Garfein, Cindy Garfein, Isolina Pommier, and Heather LaneMcCants.

New Business

Forecasting Board Involvement

- Carmin Dalziel described events that might require Board attention or member involvement and asked “what would you like to be involved in?”
- We will provide staff policies where we want to Board to be involved.
- Youth Program Transition: Deanna Freeman will be our new Youth and Family Coordinator and will begin this summer.
- Membership activities/appreciation in September.
- Stewardship and the Holidays
- We will provide the Board with a calendar of these activities.
- Board and community group match-ups: Carmin Dalziel will provide Board members with contact info for each community group. Board members will make contact and let the Board know what’s going on with the group.
- Carmin Dalziel and Alinda Page will discuss any Prison Ministry issues that may arise.

Congregant Comments

- Freddie Barrett shared the Coming of Age Co-Creation team has had their final coming-together and created their sacred covenant. Generations of lives awakening to Itself. Kathianne Lewis observed the group is very energized and alive!
- Emerging issue: Have Kathy Hearn or Marcia Sutton come in and do a co-creation process with the Board. Kathianne Lewis will get bids. Update: Board Co-Creation process is scheduled with Kathy Hearn November 19-20, 2010.
- Teen summer camp in California is this week. Kiera Barrett, Jesse Shelton, and Kate Rebello are there.

Alinda Page adjourned the meeting at 7:34pm.

Allyson Hughes gave the closing prayer.