

**Regular Meeting**  
**Board of Trustees of the Center for Spiritual Living**  
**April 27, 2011 6:00 P.M.**

Present: Freddie Barrett, Kay Carleton, Diann Durbin RScP, Keith Jefferson, Thomas Mead, Isolina Pommier, Ray Rebello  
Absent: Cynthia Clay, Rev. Kathianne Lewis  
Non-voting: John Brodrick RScP, Operations Director; Heather LaneMcCants,  
Attendees: Executive Assistant; Denise McDonald RScP, Treasurer; Tracy Norman, Member; Mia Pickering, Member Development Director; Alexandria Red RScP, Practitioner to the Board

**Call to Order**

Freddie Barrett called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.  
Alexandria Red gave the opening prayer.

**Minutes Approval**

- Diann Durbin moved to approve the minutes for the regular Board of Trustees meeting April 27, 2011. Isolina Pommier seconded. Freddie Barrett and Keith Jefferson abstained. Motion carried.
- Kay Carleton moved to approve the minutes for the annual meeting March 6, 2011. Ray Rebello seconded. Motion carried.

**Management Report/Strategic Plan Update**

John Brodrick gave the management report. Isolina Pommier gave a strategic plan update.

- The leadership team, with support from Steve and Cindy Garfein, have put together a quarterly summary for Board members to use to update interested congregants on the activities of the staff and progress of the strategic plan. The summary sheet was distributed to the Board and members provided feedback.
- Once the summary sheet is complete, Board members will contact key church members to follow up to the annual meeting. Also the sheet will be available in the volunteer room for Board members to use if other members/congregants should inquire.
- The Center for Spiritual Living Facebook page has 1,658 “likes” or people who “like” or “subscribe” to the page, and 1,160 active users.
- The rental team reached 80% of its total annual rental revenue goal in the first three months of 2011.
- The finance team has secured a lower interest rate on the mortgage, resulting in a significant monthly savings.
- The education team would like to applaud Brian Christenson for merging Shelby and NetFORUM info to enable us to view historical and current class data in one system.
- Isolina Pommier offered a round of applause for the Management Team for what they have accomplished so far on the strategic plan. Steve and Cindy Garfein are bringing in tools for added productivity as well.

## **Financial Report**

Denise McDonald gave the financial report.

- We are projected to come out positively at the end of year. We are hitting revenue goals, although not necessarily in the same line items.
- We are hitting our mortgage ratio.

## **Emerging Issues**

Ray Rebello reported we have no current emergent issues.

## **Old Business**

### **Permanent Occupancy**

Thomas Mead provided an update on obtaining permanent occupancy.

- Gabbert Architects will have documents ready for us in mid-May.
- We are still on track.
- Prayers are requested for ease, clarity, smoothness and divine timing.

## **New Business**

### **Officer Elections**

- President: Ray Rebello nominated Freddie Barrett for President. Keith Jefferson seconded. Freddie Barrett accepted the nomination. Nominations closed. Motion carried.
- Vice President: Thomas Mead nominated Diann Durbin. Kay Carleton seconded. Diann Durbin accepted the nomination. Nominations closed. Motion carried.
- Secretary: Diann Durbin nominated Kay Carleton for Secretary. Thomas Mead seconded. Kay Carleton accepted the nomination. Nominations closed. Motion carried.
- Treasurer: Isolina Pommier nominated Denise McDonald for Treasurer. Ray Rebello seconded. Denise McDonald accepted. Nominations closed. Motion carried.
- Diann Durbin requested that Denise McDonald be included in all Board correspondence as Board Treasurer. Ray Rebello moved to check bylaws regarding correspondence with non-Board-member Treasurer and if not an issue, to include Denise McDonald. Keith Jefferson seconded. Motion carried.

### **Board Welcome/Orientation**

- Welcome Kay Carleton! Ray Rebello, John Brodrick and Kay Carleton will meet to orient Kay Carleton to being a Board Trustee.

### **Gourmets for God**

Tracy Norman presented an update on Gourmets for God to the Board.

- The Board members were given Center for Spiritual Living's staff intentions for Gourmets for God. Alexandria Red read them aloud for the group.
- Gourmets for God represents a \$75,000 budget item for Center for Spiritual Living.

- Board members are asked to host an event and to share about Gourmets for God at church and through Facebook, as much as possible.
- Mia Pickering commented that Tracy Norman is showing great leadership and collaboration on the Gourmets for God team.

### **Building Update**

Thomas Mead gave an update on the building.

- Thomas Mead is working with John Brodrick on closing out the permit, next week will be looking at existing buildings and what they need.
- We had a team remove the spire and are now installing a skylight.
- Thomas Mead is looking into facility management software that provides task lists and reporting to assist staff in their facility management process.
- Michael Ludwig is speaking with Kirtley Cole.

### **Ask for the Board**

- John Brodrick asked the Board to support with rental business for Center for Spiritual Living. If you know any person or organization who could use rental space here, please email John Brodrick at [JohnB@SpiritualLiving.org](mailto:JohnB@SpiritualLiving.org).

### **Adjournment**

Freddie Barrett adjourned the meeting at 8:33pm.

### **Closing Prayer**

All those present read together the Financial Sacred Covenant Easy Prayer.

## Sacred Covenant Easy Prayer

There is only One Life! This Life is Good! This Life is God! This Life is my Life now! In knowing that I am 'one' with this Life that is God...I therefore know that I am 'one' with each and every one of Its blessed expressions, which includes this beloved revelation called **Center for Spiritual Living Seattle**. Because I know that the highest Purpose of this Community is to glorify God, I therefore know that this Community is a revelation of God as **FREEDOM**. As I stand alone in the High Altar of Consciousness, I see this Community revealed before me as **Financial Well-Being for All!**

I participate in this Community in full cooperation and agreement with my beloved partners, knowing the Truth about myself, for:

1. I am celebrating my successes.
2. I have more than enough money to do what I want to do.
3. I am creating a culture of generous giving and receiving.
4. I nurture and experience a deep sense of belonging and commitment.
5. I am cultivating spiritual maturity.
6. I gracefully and fully utilize my resources.
7. I effectively communicate internally and externally.
8. I am fully supported and financially prospered in the fulfillment of these intentions.

I know that this Community is supported by the Word of God, for it is written: "**Prosperity awaits [my] recognition and acceptance.**"

~Ernest Holmes

As I now accept the highest expression of this Community into my life, I know that it will be revealed in a way that will glorify God and serve the highest and greatest good of all who are touched by its unfoldment. I am grateful God is gracious. So be it now! Amen.