

Regular Meeting
Board of Trustees of the Center for Spiritual Living
September 28, 2011 6:00P.M.

Present: Diann Durbin RScP, Rev. Kathianne Lewis, Isolina Pommier, Ray Rebello, Kay Carleton, and Thomas Mead
Absent: Freddie Barrett, and Keith Jefferson
Non-voting: Heather LaneMcCants, Executive Assistant; Mia Pickering, Member
Attendees: Development Director; John Brodrick, Operations Director; Denise McDonald RScP

Call to Order

Diann Durbin called the meeting to order at 6:09pm.
Rev. Kathianne Lewis opened with prayer.

Minutes Approval

Rev. Kathianne Lewis moved to approve the minutes. Kay Carleton seconded. Motion carried.

Financial Report

Denise McDonald gave the financial report.

- August contributions are up from this time last year
- Other income is down compared to last year, but matches year-to-date forecasting

Senior Management Report

Kathianne Lewis gave the management report.

- Seabeck made more money this year using YFM fundraising to pay for teachers. It was a huge success.
- 300 people have RSVP'd for the Stewardship Party on Sunday Oct 2nd.
- Pledge Blessing Sunday is Nov 6th and will include a blessing ritual and a raffle
- Next year we would like to have the Stewardship Committee Chair present their plan in a formal briefing in the summer.
- Alcohol Policy: Isolina made a motion to change the policy in favor of facilitating a partnership with World Affairs Council. Cynthia seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously. Isolina offered to help John Brodrick review the current policy.

Emerging Issues

There were no emergent issues brought forth.

Old Business

Permanent Occupancy

Thomas Mead provided an update on obtaining permanent occupancy.

- Proposal to demonstrate that we are not required to have a vault is complete because we have enough permeable surface

- Thomas will submit on Friday Sep 30th and we should know within a month.

New Business: Brainstorming

- Live Streaming: Sundays and classes
- Take Sunday lessons to a deeper level where people can share what it is like – online, interactive, ongoing study groups...
- Expand online presence: twitter, more blogs, online catalog, really interesting online website, iPhone counseling and practitioner sessions: allows people to feel connected without having to be here physically.
 - Practitioner classes accessible outside WA
 - Online test to help choose classes
 - Games for children that teach principles
 - iPad game
 - Center for Spiritual Living in 2nd life
- Do things that involve people more, in:
 - Our mission and activities
 - Photo contest: Heaven on Earth
 - Poetry Night
 - Songs – New Thought Music
 - “American Idol”
 - Share your favorite Emma or Ernest quote
 - Encourage people to share how they are making the world a better place.
- Develop a young adult ministry
 - Hire a young adult minister (20-35yrs)
 - Hang out, be goal oriented, create a better world, plugged in to policies and ethics, Sunday evening talks/conversations
 - Gap ministry from high school – adulthood = sustainability, future congregation that doesn’t leave, young energy
- Life Purpose Class: religious studies, approved credit from UW and Seattle University.
- Rev. Kathianne will look into ideas for next year.

New Business:

- Rev. Heather Venegas has a letter of call
- Rev. Kathianne mentioned that she will be running for the position of President for the United Churches of Spiritual Living. If elected, the impact will be minimal to her services here.

90th Anniversary Gala:

- Very healing, full of gratitude
- 611 in attendance

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm

Closing Prayer

Read Sacred Covenant Easy Prayer.