#### **Minutes**

# Regular Meeting Board of Trustees of the Center for Spiritual Living January 25, 2012 6:00 P.M.

Present: Freddie Barrett, Kay Carleton, Diann Durbin RScP, Keith Jefferson,

Thomas Mead, Isolina Pommier, Ray Rebello

Absent: Cindy Clay, Rev. Kathianne Lewis, Denise McDonald, RScP, Treasurer Non-voting John Brodrick RScP, Operations Director; Heather LaneMcCants,

Attendees: Executive Assistant; Libby Wagner, Member

#### Call to Order

Freddie Barrett called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Diann Durbin gave the opening prayer.

Freddie Barrett invited all present to state their theme for the year.

#### **Minutes Approval**

Kay Carleton moved to approve the December 2011 minutes. Thomas Mead seconded. Freddie Barrett and Diann Durbin abstained. Motion carried.

#### **Stewardship Campaign Report**

John Brodrick gave the Stewardship Campaign report

• Isolina Pommier recommended that we keep a list of Rev. Michael Ingersoll's pledge increases and check on them quarterly.

#### **Permanent Occupancy**

Thomas Mead gave an update on Permanent Occupancy/Facility.

- We have had two contractors to look at the northern drain pipe. Kirtley-Cole may have done the required work but did not document it.
- One contractor can look at the southern drain as well.
- We have received one quote for the boiler repair and one for replacement. The first quotes were \$18-20,000 for repair and \$65,000 for replacement. Will work to get additional quotes. There are additional costs involved, including asbestos abatement.

#### **Board Nominations Committee Report**

Kay Carleton gave an update on the Board nominees.

- Six people applied for the Board of Trustees: Sonia Binek, Karen Jackson, RScP; Carol Mastenbrook, Anne Masterson, RScP; Jeff Pettiross, RScP, and Frank Selden.
- Nominating Committee consisted of: Kay Carleton, Freddie Barrett, John Brodrick, RScP (designee of Rev. Kathianne Lewis, DD), Rev. Heather Venegas and Kathy Galvin, RScP.
- Slate of candidates selected: Carol Mastenbrook, Anne Masterson, RScP; Jeff Pettiross, RScP, and Frank Selden.

New Business: Libby Wagner

Libby Wagner was present to inform the board of her current services to the church.

- Libby Wagner helps organizations create the right environment in which to achieve their goals, mission and vision.
- Libby Wagner presented a proposal to Kathianne Lewis with four options:
  - Develop staff as a team and increase trust (pro bono)
  - One-on-One Executive Coaching with Kathianne Lewis (pro bono)
  - Skill building of Board and key volunteers (cost)
  - Six-month check-ins for two years with Board and key volunteers (cost)
- Kathianne Lewis accepted the first two options.
- Libby Wagner suggested that the board invite the management team to attend board meetings and to give them specific information requests in order for them to be successful.

## **Budget/Church Discussion**

- The Board members present made several observations about the proposed budget for 2012.
- Ray Rebello recommended that we focus more attention on the community in order to retain congregants and members.
- Ray Rebello made a motion to include attendance reports in the Board packets. Kay Carleton seconded. Motion carried.
- Keith Jefferson recommended that we focus dollars on spreading the message outside of Center for Spiritual Living to have new people come to the church.
- The suggestion was made that training be provided for the new Board members.
- The Board discussed the success of the Intentions Workshop in January 2012.
  - o Intentions are a huge part of our culture
  - Intentions Retreats are famous in our community
  - The workshop was cost effective
  - The workshop included a workbook
  - o The workshop was held on a series of Wednesday nights and had a low time commitment
  - Isolina Pommier recommended we have a mid-year check-in with those who attended: a twosession Intentions booster
- The Board requested a report on the marketing campaign from Summer-Fall 2011.
- The Board stated concern that the budget is based on asking the current membership for more money.
   They would prefer to see a scenario in which we focus time and money on building community. The board members are willing to come together for a special meeting to address the budget.

## **Annual Meeting Discussion**

Heather LaneMcCants provided a draft of the Annual Meeting agenda.

- Board members volunteered for portions of the agenda.
- The suggestion was made to be prepared to address current and upcoming challenges.
- Isolina Pommier suggested we market the new ideas that resulted from brainstorming with Libby
   Wagner on 12/28/11 and subsequent brainstorming with Kathianne Lewis as opportunities to plug in.
- The suggestion was made to include community elements in the presentation.

#### Closing

- The Board acknowledged the passing of Rev. Jackie Allen and held a moment of silence in her honor.
- John Brodrick provided the closing prayer.

# Adjournment

Freddie Barrett adjourned the meeting at 9:45pm.

# Special Meeting Board of Trustees of the Center for Spiritual Living February 8, 2012 6:00 P.M.

Present: Freddie Barrett, Cindy Clay, Diann Durbin RScP, Keith Jefferson, Rev.

Kathianne Lewis, Isolina Pommier

Absent: Kay Carleton, Thomas Mead, Ray Rebello

Non-voting John Brodrick RScP, Operations Director; Rev. Michael Ingersoll, Attendees: Communications and Creative Director; Heather LaneMcCants,

Executive Assistant; Denise McDonald, RScP, Treasurer; Rev. Barbara

Novak, Education Director

#### Call to Order

Freddie Barrett called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Diann Durbin gave the opening prayer.

## 2012 Budget Discussion

Kathianne Lewis asked each board member present to share their concerns regarding the proposed budget.

# Closing/Adjournment

Kathianne Lewis requested an executive session at 7:30pm. Non members of the Board exited.

#### 2012 Budget

- Kathianne Lewis shared details regarding the line items on the proposed budget.
- Kathianne Lewis made a motion at approve the proposed 2012 operating budget. Diann Durbin seconded. Motion carried.

# **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 is revealed in a way that glorifies God and serves the highest and greatest good of all who are touched by its unfoldment. I am grateful God is gracious. So be it now! Amen.