

## **Minutes from Core Council Monthly Meeting**

**Columbus Center for Spirit Living**

**April 30, 2017**

**Core members present: Rev. Molly Cameron, Jim Broyles, Anne Allen, Peggy Wallace, Jenny Perry, Catherine Long, Tim Wefler**

**Opening Prayer: Delivered by Catherine Long**

**Love and Sharing: Delivered by all members**

**Catherine Long Presiding**

### **General Discussion**

- **Vision Statement-** Catherine read the full vision statement that is in the bulletin on Sundays. There was discussion regarding the difference between a vision statement and a mission statement. Suggestion arose that we work on the Mission statement in future meetings. Jim will be organizing and typing a summary of thoughts from retreats and supplying the summary to us.
- **Approval of March Minutes-** Catherine suggested that we set dates for action items. The secretary will send the draft to the council first for appropriate revisions and condensing.
- **Fun-** as per previous discussions, it is on the agenda to take a few minutes in the meeting for a fun item- joke or song. Tim supplied a joke. Molly will supply the fun event for the next meeting.
- **Review of Ministers report-** Molly.
- **Pride Parade-** Discussion revolved around our participation in the parade. Jim understood that Molly had chosen for us to not participate in the parade this year. Molly explained that it was due to the extra work required for Robin to coordinate and implement the set-up and implementation. From the discussion, the misunderstanding was identified and it was unanimously decided that we will register to be in the parade and Jim will lead the organization and preparations for our participation. Tim offered his car and trailer to be decorated and used in the parade.
- **Financial Reports-** Jenny will get the financial reports out and in the council's hands prior to the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Revenue was up, but the retreats cost \$2,000.
- **Vision Core-** Peggy reported progress from the vision core meetings. In April the question was offered of "What is Spirit's highest direction?" Visions that appeared were love-centered, connectedness, and release from the focus on lack. Visions are creating good feedback for Core Council. It was suggested that we report to the Vision Core how this information is being used by the Core Council. There appears to be similar energy flowing to both councils. Peggy suggested a joint meeting. Jenny suggested that we put vision from Vision Core earlier in the Core Council meeting agenda to help direct the meetings.
- **Stewardship Committee-** committed to signing up for Amazon and other types of community rewards programs from online vendors to gain additional revenues for the Center. Kroger rewards has much potential.
- **Meditation-** Catherine led a meditation on "what is God's highest vision for our mission statement?" Everyone wrote down their thoughts following the meditation and each person

offered 3 words that best described their vision. The Mission Statement will be discussed further in future meetings. Discussion led the fact that we (as the Core Council) use the Vision Statement from the congregation and other members to develop the Mission Statement.

**Action items**

- Molly to upload minutes to website
- Molly to direct registration for Pride Parade
- Jenny to get financial reports out to the Core Council by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.
- Molly to review slide for Mission Statement that is shown each Sunday and possibly change it to Vision Statement
- Catherine to send out the words that we gave her from our meditation to the Core Council

**Next meeting May 21st**

**Benediction and Adjournment**