



Columbus Center for Spiritual Living (CCSL)

Mission Statement: *We serve the transformation of individual lives through education, spiritual practice and deep community, using SOM principles and Spirit as our compass.*

Minutes from Core Council Monthly Meeting

September 17, 2017

Core Members Present: Catherine Long, Anne Allen, Peggy Wallace, Rev. Molly Cameron, Jenny Peery, Tim Wefler, Julie (online Practitioner from Boise, ID), Robin Brookhouse,

Absent: Jim Broyles

Robin has been asked by Catherine to attend Core Council meetings quarterly **to provide information such as attendance trends, etc.**

Each attendee of ice cream social was asked to give a one-sentence expression of their feelings about having served ice cream following the Sept 17th service. Completed.

Opening Prayer: Catherine

Vision & Mission Statement: Catherine. Jenny suggested a slight change in wording of the vision statement. Agreed by all.

Joke- Anne. Good very clean joke. Funny.

Visioning Committee Report- Peggy. In last committee meeting, it was visioned for increased attendance and growth. Keep things light, remember the philosophy and reach out.

Review of July Minutes and Action items. 3 Action items carried forward (Molly (1), Jenny (2)). Minutes approved.

Financial/Budget- Jenny. August budget needs edits- not ready for approval yet. July budget very close to being balanced and improved from July 2016, in spite of slightly reduced attendance.

Bookkeeper performing well.

Question: Jenny

-1099s for musicians or W2s? Molly reported speaking to IRS about that and they said that they don't answer tax questions. Mainstream churches use W2s. National CSL uses 1099s.

Discussion:

Action Item- Jenny to research issue and move it forward to future meeting.

Question: Anne. Whether to provide financial reports on the website. Discussion. It was decided to have Robin save copies of the financial reports in a folder. Jenny to provide Robin with reports.

Action Item- Jenny to provide Robin with financial reports each month. **Robin** to put them in a file folder.

Question: Jenny. Should the books be closed each month & footnotes be made for future months referring to corrections of reports from previous months?

Action Item- Jenny to discuss w/Mark (accountant) on suggestions of how to proceed with closing books or not. Also, get a copy of the **financial procedures** from **Molly**.

Action Item- Dana, Molly, Jenny. Have a meeting to discuss the 2018 budget.

Action Item- Catherine. Bringing a copy of the rewritten Policies and Procedures to the October meeting for approval.

Stewardship Committee- Catherine. Lisa Chambers has agreed to take on the project of “Good to Great” for Stewardship committee. Progress is being made and lots of stuff should be expected for the future.

Summer Fundraisers-

- Jumpin’ Jack Flaps pancake breakfast - \$346.12
- Solar Glasses - \$87.96
- Increased Income - \$1131.13

Minister’s Report: Foundations class only has 5 members. [Subsequent enrollment brought that up to 7] Mysticism class has a high attendance. Practitioners are all working well together. Janelle Carroll is leading the youth program (unpaid).

Regional Retreat- \$1500 has already been invested in Shawnee State Park for this event. There needs to be 60 to break even. The goal is to have 100 attendees, and the expected price for an individual with a shared room will be \$550, which includes meals and lodging.

Action Item- Molly to create proposal for the Regional Retreat, so that it can be voted on.

Proposal from Molly on Compensation changes- Molly proposed that her compensation be reduced by \$500 per month and that Catherine receive \$500 per month in compensation for her work as a minister.

Vote moved forward to October.

Thrive Drive- visioning for Mid-October. Peggy mentioned that she would like to see pledge cards go out in Mid-October. (Sorry, I was not clear on what was meant here).

3rd Quarter Tithing distribution- Rev. Molly put forth possibilities for the following distribution for discretionary tithing:

Cohatch Charities – in lieu of room rental

Mid-Ohio Food Bank

Centers in Bear Valley and Monterey, CA

Mark Anthony Lord- City Church in Chicago – new work

Houston Habitat for Humanity

The CORE Chose CoHatch, City Church, and Houston Habitat. A resolution was voted on and passed.

10th Anniversary Celebration. Lisa Ferraro presented a budget and introduced plans for the celebration of the 10th Anniversary of CCSL. It would be held at the Clinton Women's Center. The request for \$2500 of support from the Center was made, which is half of the expected total cost. Attendance tickets would provide the remainder. There was a page of the proposal inadvertently missing, and the proposal was not voted on this time- expect it to be voted on next month.

Action Item- Lisa and Core Council. Complete planning and consider approval of budget for 10th Anniversary Celebration.

Anne Allen Request. Anne requested that the Core Council find a replacement for her on the board. After 7 years, she would like to step back. She committed to stay on until a replacement can be found.

Molly's Letter of Call for Rev. Catherine- moved forward to next meeting.

Operations Report- Robin- working remotely is running smoothly with some benefits. Robin will sit in with the Core Council meetings once per quarter. She presented a list of chairpersons for the various volunteer groups. A more extensive list of volunteers is available.

Action Item- Anne. Anne will take the data that Robin has of attendance levels separated by month and year and put it together in an Excel Spreadsheet.

Proposal for Anne Marie McGee to be added as a tithing counter- Approved.

Fire Extinguishers- The Core Council physically examined the number and location of all fire extinguishers in the Mason's Lodge- There are 6; Lobby, Community Room, Sanctuary, Near the front door, kitchen (2). There is an AED in the lobby. A training on its use might be appropriate. Tim volunteered to do that if needed.

Action Item- Tim to present a safety tip to Core Council at next meeting.

Next Meeting Oct 15th. 1-3:00 pm.

Closing Prayer