

Minutes from Core Council Monthly Meeting

Columbus Center for Spirit Living

June 11, 2017

Core members present: Rev. Molly Cameron, Jim Broyles, 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

- **Approval of May Minutes-** Approved unanimously.
- **Review of previous Action Items.** All were completed.
- **Vision Core Report-** Peggy. The Vision Core is looking for a topic for their Thursday meeting. We will try to identify one today to have for them on Thursday.
- **Financial Report for May-** Jenny explained that we do not have the financial information from May yet. She has had training on Treasurer's duties from Dana and Molly. Next, she would like to shadow Robin for a day to become more acquainted with the operation of the Center's finances. Molly was looking at Quick-books and it appears that we were \$500 over budget in May (red). We are still putting \$1300 per month into the building fund.

- **Music Contract with Lisa and Erika.** A decision on whether to renew the contract with Lisa and Erika will have to wait until we have a better handle on our finances. Molly has spoken with Lisa and discussed continuing month-to-month, which is the present plan. We hope to be able to create a more significant plan soon. Jenny recommended that we should put together a month-to-month agreement in writing- agreed by all. Jim suggested that we include a statement of intent on the agreement that expresses our feelings, plans and appreciation for their flexibility and continued service. Molly will create the document. Catherine will create a one-page project plan for the music fund-raising efforts.

- **Idea Implementation.** Catherine mentioned that we often have people (not just the Core) bring up ideas that do not get implemented, so she suggested a one-page document that describes the procedure for implementing ideas. The procedure should include Need for members to take personal ownership, responsibility and accountability for implementation and provide a method for monitoring of progress. This will create an opportunity for some people to learn delegation skills, as well as a way to prevent the perception of "over-control" by those on the various committees.
- **Stewardship Committee.** Catherine. Looking at fundraising events. Tim will try to attend one of their meetings soon, if possible. Spaghetti dinner at the Center, specifically for the music fund, open to the public, is one idea that is being considered.

- **Review of Ministers report-** Molly.
 - o Practitioner oral panels in July.
 - o Catherine’s panels for Minister on August 1st.
 - o August 6th is leadership meeting (ceremony and celebration for new practitioners and minister).
 - o No core council meeting in August.
 - o Greeters needed. Suggestion that some of Core Council volunteer. Catherine, Jenny and Tim volunteered. Unknown who has the greeter schedule currently.
 - o Molly- coaching has been very valuable, but at a place where a decision needs to be made on whether to continue. Options considered included: stopping, taking a break, looking for other resources (maybe within SOM resources), switch to self-learning with reports. Molly seemed to like the idea of taking a break the most. She will investigate all options and choose a course of action.
 - o March 2, 2018 is the 10-year anniversary of CCSL. If there will be a major celebration, we should start planning now.

- **Financial Planning Academy-** Catherine reported that she has learned a lot from it. Key points involved having “mission-based” asking (having a goal for a specific request), looking at Wills and Bequeaths. Karen Ball (attorney) would be willing to speak on the subject.
- **Governance Policy-** Molly. She provided each member with a 37-page document on policies of CCSL. The Core Council will need to schedule extra-long meeting (4 hours) to go through it and understand it well. This will take place on July 22nd from 4-8 pm at the Wefler/Peterson home (239 Tallowood Dr.- Westerville).
- **Intention Statement-** discussion led to creating an intent for attendance and funding goals. A BHAG (Stretch goal) was chosen as 20% increase or more in attendance and 6 fundraisers that each produce \$500 or more **by the end of the year (2017)**.
- **Return to Vision Statement-** Coming back to our plan to provide the Visioning committee with a topic for their next gathering, we chose “What is Spirit’s highest and greatest vision for **touching peoples’ hearts**.”
- **Next Meeting-** Love- Tim, Joke- Jim.
- **Action items**
 - o **Molly-**
 - Written communication to Lisa and Erika regarding month-to-month role, our intent, plans and appreciation.
 - Find out who has the greeters schedule and communicate to the Core, so that volunteers can organize their schedules.
 - Decide what to do with coaching- break, continue, other options.
 - o **Catherine**
 - One-page project plan for music fundraiser
 - Send out a note about the Financial Freedom Academy to ? (missed it)
 - o **Jenny**
 - Bring an itemized list of potential activities and events with estimates of costs for the 10-year Celebration.
 - o **Tim**
 - Provide the location for July 22nd gathering

Next meeting July 16th

All members to let Catherine know at least one week in advance of next meeting if they would like to have an item added to the agenda.

Benediction and Adjournment