

Minutes from Core Council Monthly Meeting

Columbus Center for Spirit Living

March 19, 2017

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

Opening Prayer: Delivered by Catherine Long

Love and Sharing: Delivered by all members

Election of New Officers

Catherine Long was elected Chair

Anne Allen was elected Vice Chair

Jenny Perry was elected Treasurer- transition period with Dana Horton will be observed

Tim Wefler was elected Secretary

At Catherine's request, Anne Allen chaired this meeting

General Discussion

In lieu of continuing with previous council's intentions, it was agreed that new intentions will be created and offered. Come prepared during next meeting with new intentions: ideas include outreach programs.

Upcoming Retreat- Part II- Friday March 24th- 4-7pm at office. Saturday 9-4 at Rausch residence. Sunday 2:30-5:30 at the office.

Financials- - \$17k total offering in February. Still \$2k deficit for the month of February. Eliminating office will help. Talent show and silent auction helped quite a bit for March, so March should be higher, but audio equipment was purchased with proceeds from it.
- June will be the next time when we will decide if further cuts will be required.

Catherine reported on Stewardship Committee Meeting. Several members have grant writing experience. Lisa Ferraro and Lisa Cooper are on committee.

Jenny- a complaint had come to her attention that an attendee was feeling sales pressure from someone in congregation. Discussion on policy for soliciting. Looking at policy for defining approved sales methods and communicating to congregation. Jim pointed out that it is important to differentiate between people who come to Center for sales opportunities and those who are members, discussing their business. Generally, it was unofficially agreed that there should be guidelines communicated to the congregation regarding sales acts, but those who display during special events and receive sign-ups should be allowed to follow-up on those who sign up.

Jenny asked about designation of funds to specific people. The Council decided that we should discourage people from designations because it takes from the general fund monies needed for operations.

Group- Discussed building fund and the process of setting aside earmarked funds and keeping them separate from the general fund, not to be used by the general fund unless approved by those who offered the designation. It was agreed by all that it makes sense to defer this financial discussion until we all have the actual financial statements and designated earmarks in front of us.

Peggy gave a report from the vision core meeting. . . Seeing some growth in vision; it is taking concrete shape- connections and connectivity. What is the highest vision for the leadership of the Center was the topic. There was a feeling of excitement, forward motion, and fearlessness.

Anne reminded us to announce to congregation dates of core council meetings.

Molly will send an email making a motion to send quarterly tithe to to co-hatch Worthington for space they have allowed us to use. Looking for Thursday night space that is large enough for the new Foundations class- beyond limits has 17 in it.

Action items

- Molly and Anne- to identify policy for marketing practices in the Center
- Molly- New volunteer guidelines for Leadership Council.
- Molly and Dana- how much is in the building fund? There was some confusion between Dana and Molly regarding the various funds and how much was in each one.
- Tim- Communicate with and get ideas from any and all resources to find 20 opportunities to reach out and give mini-presentations to a variety of groups, meet-ups, red hat societies, seniors, LGBTQ groups, and any other place where people are interested in community connections and offer to give mini-workshops or explanations of SOM or expose them to CCSL.
- Molly- send Motion for tithing to Core Council members.

Next meeting April 30th

Benediction: Dana Horton