

AS-U/GRSM BOD

Sunday, April 13, 2014

8:00 PM

Board Meeting Minutes

Attending: Dana Carson, RScP, President; Rev Dwight Smith, Vice-President; Rev Carol Andrix, Treasurer; Tina Noblitt, RScP, Secretary; Dr. Kitty Boitnott, RScP, Director; Rev Susie Oknefski-Hamway, Director; Erin Muldoon Stetson, RScP, Director; David Wilbert, RScP, Director; Joe Burcham, RScP, Alternate; Rev Lisa Gemmill, Alternate

Absent: Rev Doug Kinney, Alternate

Opening Treatment: Rev Dwight

President Dana asked those present if there were any corrections or additions needed to approve the March BOD meeting minutes; Dr. Kitty moved to adopt the minutes as presented; Rev Dwight seconded the motion; and all approved.

Treasurer Report, Rev Carol submitted the 2014 1st Quarter Financial Report (see attached). A tithe amount of \$230 is earmarked for the last two quarters' income and as suggested at the last meeting, this will be evenly divided between Revs Christine Coates and Jane Weaver in gratitude for their many years of service to GRSM; Rev Dwight seconded the motion; and all approved.

Dr. Kitty asked if AS-U has paid the musicians that perform at the annual graduation celebration in the past. Rev Carol stated that in each of the past three years a total gift of \$100 has been made.

Committee Reports/Updates

Communications Team, Dr. Kitty reported that the team and Kristin Neperud Merz, our web designer, participated in a conference call and they are working on the web update. Currently, various parts of the website are under construction and they are looking at the use of templates and considering several possibilities. At this time, they are scaling back some of the more ambitious goals. Kristin is working on a new logo which is promising. Dr. Kitty is knowledgeable in WordPress which is an asset to the team and being able to understand and discuss the technical aspects

with Kristin. Rev Carol and Dr. Kitty feel that lots of energy and focus are going into the development of the website and that the process is a labor of love and they are enjoying the work.

Credentialing Team, Committee Chairperson Rev Susie stated there is nothing to report at this time.

Events & Programs Team, Committee Chairperson Rev Lisa reported there is a quarterly event scheduled on Saturday, May 3, 2014. Plans for the annual retreat have begun though a date has not yet been set; they are looking at mid to late September. Rev Carol encouraged them to determine this as soon as possible so that those interested in attending can mark their schedules and have ample time to plan. She also said that the Communications Team needs at least one week's notice for any events/information to get posted on the website.

Membership Team, Committee Chairperson Erin reported that they plan to discuss with the Communications Team the work that will be done about collecting member testimonials and how to communicate with previous members. Rev Carol stated that she now sends a letter about renewing membership to each member and to past members that are not current. At this point, she is not pushing membership, until AS-U has more to offer. A discussion developed about members being able to post notices about their events, classes that members teach and special events that are aligned with the AS-U mission. All material going out to members and/or posted to the website would be filtered through the Communications Team to make sure it is in alignment with our philosophy.

Rev Carol noted that AS-U has not issued membership cards in the past couple of years, as there hasn't been anyone making them. Rev Lisa said that she has time available this coming week and could do this. The question was asked as to the value of having such identification, and Rev Dwight stated that in his experience, such has been helpful for professional members to gain access to hospitals, prisons, etc. when needed. It was agreed that in order to expedite the process, the membership cards should be done with the current logo rather than waiting until the new one gets approved.

Education Team, Dr. Kitty reported that the team plans to meet during the week of April 14th.

Old Business

Graduation Ceremony for June 21, 2014, Dr. Kitty reported that the Chrysalis Institute Gathering space has been reserved. The planning team is currently working on the program and the invitation. It was noted that in the past Rev Dwight produced the certificates for all individuals due to receive one and he agreed to take care of that this year as well. It was noted that there is a \$5 fee for each certificate, to be paid by teachers to the Treasurer when they submit names of recipients to Rev Dwight in the spring.

New Business

Dana Carson reported on the INTA-sponsored seminar she attended in Baltimore recently on developing a center. She felt that the facilitators were a model of a vibrant organization and the location was a very inspiring place, and excellent demonstration of how they took their dreams and visions and brought them into reality. Dana said that she has a vision that in the future AS-U would be able to host an INTA retreat.

Closing Treatment: Rev Lisa

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Noblitt, RScP, Secretary

The Alliance for Spiritual Understanding (AS-U)

**Global Religious Science Ministries (GRSM)
1st Quarter Financial Report
January through March 2014**

Beginning Balance 3192.85

INCOME

Membership	1425.00
Tithes & Offerings	702.75
(Total Deposits minus PayPal Fees of 33.35) (2094.40)	
Income 1 st Quarter 2013	<u>2127.75</u>
Available Funds	<u>5287.25</u>

EXPENDITURES

Annual Meeting	1731.85
Maryland DBA Trade Name Application	75.00
INTA Seminar for Center Development	310.00
Website Hosting Setup	41.41
Website Updating	346.66
Total Expenditures	<u>2504.92</u>
Total Available Funds	<u>2782.33</u>

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Carol Andrix,
Treasurer