

AS-U/GRSM BOD

Sunday, December 14, 2014

8:00 P.M.

Board Meeting Minutes

Attending: Dana Carson, RScP, President; Rev. Dwight Smith, Vice-President; Tina Noblitt, RScP, Secretary; Rev. Carol Andrix, Treasurer; Rev. Lydia Evans, Director; Rev. Erin Muldoon Stetson, Director; Rev. David Wilbert, Director; Joe Burcham, RScP, Alternate; Rev. Lisa Gemmill, Alternate

Absent: Rev. Doug Kinney, Alternate

Opening Treatment: Rev. Dwight

Secretary, Tina asked those present if there were any corrections or additions needed to approve the November 2014 BOD meeting minutes. Rev. Carol questioned the official status of Rev. Lydia on the board, is she a Director or an Alternate? The past five months of minutes have been inconsistent in this matter. Rev. Lydia confirmed she is willing to serve as a Director on the board and Joe confirmed he is willing to be an Alternate. Rev. Carol moved to make Rev. Lydia a Director and Joe an Alternate; Tina seconded the motion; and all approved. Tina made a motion to accept the November 2014 BOD meeting minutes once the corrections are made; Dave seconded the motion; all approved.

Mind+Body Meetup presented by Dana stated that the organization's treatment to be out in the community is working, as this group approached us about participating. Dana asked the board for their input on this opportunity. Rev. Erin stated that she feels strongly that we should not participate because there are numerous other opportunities available to us that would not cost anything, like making more use of our website and Facebook page; she stated that we already have access to promote ourselves without spending additional funds. Rev. Dwight stated it is a good opportunity, but not the right time. Dana stated we need to have a flier that can be our standard to use in all of our communities, Richmond, Chicago, etc.; we need a promotional package containing standard items. Rev. Carol agreed with Revs. Erin and Dwight. Dana will respond to the email from Style Weekly concerning the Mind+Body Meetup thanking them for the information and letting them know we will not participate this year.

Education Committee: Rev. Dwight proposed that we accept the original proposal from the Education Committed from July 2014. A discussion followed concerning the fact that some board members are not in complete agreement with all points in the proposal. After having time to process the report and alternatives and acknowledging the shift in energy of the organization as we began doing business as The Alliance for Spiritual Understanding some board members feel the original proposal is in alignment with the organization's goals, while they also may not agree with every detail of the original proposal. **We are reminded that a committee is there as a service to the board and the board is in service to the membership.** It is time to vote on this

agenda item and work on the details with the committee later. Rev. Dwight made a motion to accept the Education Committee proposal from July 2014 as a work in process; Rev. Erin seconded the motion; the motion is carried. Rev. Carol made a motion to affirm we have an Education Committee; Rev. Dave seconded the motion; the motion is approved. Rev. Carol will approach Rev. Lisa Marks to get a summary for the web site and information to put in the membership newsletter.

Annual Meeting and Membership: Rev. Carol stated she is working on a membership letter and plans to send membership cards to existing members with treatment that the renewals take place. Dana stated there will be ballots for the executive board to take place January 24, 2015. Dana raised the question if there is a need for a January monthly board meeting which is about two weeks before the annual meeting. The consensus is yes, the regular monthly board meeting is needed in January. The current board was polled to see who was resigning and the following are stepping down, Tina, Rev. Lisa, and Joe. There will be membership forms and envelopes on all the tables at the annual meeting and also available at the Christmas party. Dana asked Rev. Dwight for assistance with the presentation at the annual meeting and he agreed.

Committee Reports/Updates

Events Team, Rev. Lisa reported that the annual meeting is at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Richmond Downtown from noon to 5 P.M. on Saturday, January 24, 2015. The Christmas party is at the All Paths Gathering Center on Sunday, December 21, 2014 from 2 P.M. to 5 P.M. which is a warm and inviting environment. At this time there are 20 plus RSVPs to the Christmas party.

Other Business

Rev. Dwight asked if everyone agreed that the new logo was to be used on the certificates as sent out earlier in his email to the board. Our response was "Yes"; as approved by email before the meeting. Rev. Dave stated his interest in handling the responsibility of producing the certificates, if Rev. Dwight truly wants to release that duty. They will discuss this later.

Rev. Dwight sent an email to the board discussing the numerology of our name, Alliance for Spiritual Understanding and he shared his thoughts on this.

President, Dana shared her thoughts with the board and stated we have had almost a full year of working, growing, stretching and coming into being our true self, as an organization and individually. So as we come together each month, we challenge each other and the organization and take a leap of faith as we meet our challenges. This organization is becoming more than we ever dreamed. We are working towards our highest and best. Thanks for all that you do for our organization.

Closing Treatment: Rev. Carol

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Noblitt, RScP, Secretary