

AS-U/GRSM BOD

Sunday, February 9, 2014

8:00 PM

Board Meeting Minutes

Attending: Dana Carson, RScP, President; Rev Dwight Smith, Vice-President; Rev Carol Andrix, Treasurer; Kitty Boitnott, RScP, Director; Rev Susie Oknefski-Hamway, Director; David Wilbert, RScP, Director; Rev Lisa Gemmill, Alternate; Rev Doug Kinney, Alternate; Tina Noblitt, RScP, Alternate

Absent: Becky Orr, RScP, Secretary; Erin Muldoon Stetson, RScP, Director; Joe Burcham, RScP, Alternate

Opening Treatment: Rev Carol

Annual meeting minutes were presented by Rev Doug; Kitty asked that the minutes be amended to include remarks made by Rev Lisa Marks concerning the Education Committee. Kitty moved to accept the minutes with the changes, Rev Susie second, all in favor.

January minutes were presented by Dana and accepted.

Rev Carol asks that within 7 to 10 days after a BOD meeting, the secretary emails the minutes to all board members.

Dana announces that Becky Orr has resigned as secretary due to health issues. In a call for a new secretary, Dana announces that Tina Noblitt has agreed to accept the position, all in favor.

Treasurer Report, Rev Carol usually presents the board with a report quarterly. Some discussion about whether a monthly report is desirable, but Rev Carol says that AS-U/GRSM's income fluctuates from month to month so giving a quarterly report was deemed sufficient by the board in the past. All agreed the quarterly report is fine.

Committee Reports/Updates

Credentialing, Rev Susie shared that Rev Joe Gianini joined GRSM in 2013 as a professional member. He then communicated with Rev Carol regarding courses of study offered by/through our organization and she referred him to Rev Susie who is Chairperson for the Credentialing

Committee and the sitting president at the time, Rev Rodney Ickes. Rev Susie reports that recently, Rev Gianini has expressed to her his desire to be able to credential his students through AS-U/GRSM, and she has since sent him GRSM's Policies and Procedures. Rev Dwight talked to Rev Joe and will be his mentor/sponsor. Rev Susie and Rev Dwight will follow up, get his educational credentials, present the information to the Credentialing Committee and then have the board assess for approve.

Rev Carol stressed the importance for all BOD members to be familiar with AS-U/GRSM's bylaws and policies and procedures, and asked that Rev Susie resend this information to all board members.

Events & Programs Team, Committee Chairperson Rev Lisa Gemmill shared there was a Valentine's Day Gathering, February 8, 2014 hosted by GRSM at All Paths Gathering Center. Revs Dwight & Thelma Smith provided a presentation and discussion on romantic love, and Dana and Joe presented their Bell Jam program. There were nine attendees and the event was very successful.

Rev Carol asked how people are notified about events. The event is posted to the AS-U/GRSM website and Rev Lisa Gemmill sent an email to members. It was noted that not all board members received an email about the February event, such as Kitty and Tina.

Kitty shared that Rev Lisa Marks volunteered to host one of the quarterly events at Inner Peace of Richmond.

Membership Team, Committee Chairperson Erin is absent from this meeting. Per Rev Carol, Erin probably did not get an email about the meeting. Discussion that there is a need to update the AS-U/GRSM email list, Dana and Tina will work on this and Rev Carol will help.

Dana shared information about the 10-10 Club as discussed by past president Rev JR Adams at the annual meeting in January 2014. Joe Burcham will oversee this program and checks can be mailed to him at PO Box 54, King & Queen Courthouse, VA 23085, he will then periodically submit the checks to the Treasurer. The premise is to encourage our members to gift 1/10th of their 10% tithe to AS-U/GRSM on a regular basis. Kitty has several questions: was the 10-10 Club established as a committee and voted on by the board? Dana responded this was not voted on by the board and will be discussed as new business later in this meeting.

Name Change, David shared he has completed the trade name application and AS-U, Alliance for Spiritual Understanding, is spelled out in the application. The cost is \$25 to file or a total of \$75 to file and request to expedite the process. David is meeting with the Treasurer, Rev Carol this week to sign the application and he recommends we pay \$75 to expedite the process. He further reports that the trade name is good for five years from the date of acceptance and the name needs to be renewed six months before the expiration date.

Confirmed Rev Doug's mailing address, as the approved application will be mailed to him; he is the agent in residence in the state of Maryland where GRSM is incorporated.

Rev Dwight moved to file the trade name application, Kitty second, all in favor.

Website Updates, Rev Carol shared that Kristin Neperud Merz is our web designer and is in the process of cleaning up the previous site and inputting current information. Rev Carol wants to have posted the BOD meeting minutes on the website and have an archive of old meeting minutes. Questionnaires will soon be emailed to the BOD and to current membership about what we want the website to do for us and how we want it to look, with a limit of 10 days to respond. Rev Carol asks that in the meantime we look at other websites and see what we like and report back to the board. Should we have a new logo, this will be on the questionnaire. Rev Carol encourages us to present a stronger and clearer image of what AS-U/GRSM is all about and to appeal to people who may not take classes, but want to support our philosophy. She suggests we can start this process by having an excellent website.

Rev Doug commented that it is easy to renew membership online, as he just did it while the meeting is going on.

New Business

Rev Carol responds about the need to consider transitioning more to the title of Alliance for Spiritual Understanding (AS-U) and referring less to the name of GRSM; how will we address this and how should we announce ourselves on the website and make this transition.

Rev Dwight asks what name will be on the student certificates and professional licenses that we issue. Rev Doug states the teachings are

from GRSM and it is largely agreed upon that GRSM will indeed be the entity that bestows credentials.

Dana brings up the 10-10 Club. This does not have to be a committee per Rev Doug and Kitty. Rev Carol asks that Joe get the information about the 10-10 Club to Rev Carol for the website and to Tina to get out to all the members by email.

Kitty shares that Rev Lisa Marks' ministerial class is offering to plan/host the graduation program in June 2014. It is noted there will be no ministerial or practitioner license granted this year, but there will be a celebration of other certificates earned. Kitty will take the lead on this and work with Rev Lisa Gemmill. Tina moved to accept this motion, Rev Carol second, all in favor.

Dana thanks everyone and feels much is accomplished.

Closing Treatment: Rev Dwight

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Noblitt, RScP, Secretary