

AS-U/GRSM BOD

Sunday, June 8, 2014

8:00 PM

Board Meeting Minutes

Attending: Dana Carson, RScP, President; Rev Carol Andrix, Treasurer; Tina Noblitt, RScP, Secretary; Dr. Kitty Boitnott, RScP, Director; Erin Muldoon Stetson, RScP, Director; Joe Burcham, RScP, Alternate; Rev Lisa Gemmill, Alternate

Absent: Rev Dwight Smith, Vice-President; Rev Susie Oknefski-Hamway, Director; David Wilbert, RScP, Director; Rev Doug Kinney, Alternate

Opening Treatment: Joe

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

Committee Reports/Updates

Communications Team, Dr. Kitty reported that she, Rev Carol, Erin, and Kristin Neperud Merz, our web designer met to clear up several items.

First, concerning the membership login, Erin intends to send a letter to each member instructing them how to login to the website. As new members join our community, the Treasurer will inform the Membership Team, who will then instruct the new members on login procedures.

Second, the Prayer Request function has been updated. There are instructions on the Prayer Request page to complete the form below or to call Rev Dwight. The form is automatically emailed to the Prayer Request Team, which at this time includes Rev Dwight, Rev Carol, Rev Lisa, Dr. Kitty, and David. Anyone who uses the form to request prayer will receive an auto response by email that their request was received and is being worked on. A question was raised concerning replying to the requestor with a written prayer treatment to their request. Dr. Kitty shared that in the past month one prayer request was received and she did reply with a brief personal treatment addressing the specific concerns in the request. The requestor replied the following day with a thank you. After a discussion on this topic, it was decided that a written response will be made to prayer

request received by email. Rev Carol volunteered to chair the Prayer Request Team and will be responsible for the written response to prayer request and will copy other Prayer Request Team members on her reply. **Third**, Dr. Kitty reported that a number of personal email addresses are on the web site and wanted to confirm from each owner of the emails that they have given permission for the personal emails to be listed on the web site. It was shared that the web site already has about 20 links for emails, set up in various locations on the web site. For example, if needed there could be a link set up as president@as-u.com and the link would be directed to the email of the current president of AS-U. This could be done for any board member not wanting to have their personal email on the web site or individuals involved on a committee. Dr. Kitty will keep Kristin update on any email changes. **Fourth**, Erin reported the team is developing a Bulletin Board space for members to broadcast upcoming events. There will be an application form to complete, including the details of the event and how this event ties in with the Science of Mind philosophy and teaching. The Bulletin Board form will be located under the Current Members login section. When an event is posted, it will include why this event was approved as written in the words of the applicant. This is a terrific benefit for members as it makes the web site a working tool for members.

Education Team, Dr. Kitty reported that the team did meet by phone conference call and the team concluded that it needed more discussion and collaboration and decided on a full day meeting to take place June 18, 2014 from 10 AM to 4 PM at Inner Peace of Richmond. A passionate discussion took place concerning our need to ensure that all educational requirements needed to receive a practitioner or ministerial license are made available to students and our desire to offer additional educational and spiritual growth opportunities for individuals that do not desire to pursue a licensure track. Rev Carol shared one perspective which is the need for GRSM's Education Committee to address some core issues that are cited in our "official" Handbook (which Susie emailed us earlier this year) under Credentialing Policies and Procedures before endeavoring on any broader topics of education that we support. Though she is a huge proponent of offering other non-credentialed opportunities/groups based on Science of Mind principles, she firmly believes that in accord with our Mission and Vision statements, we should be settling "first things first." She is referring to the section of what in the Handbook is spelled out in the section entitled "Ministerial License," and specifically, Number 13 under "Ministerial Course Program" : "The student will have completed 2

workshops on Organizational Management and Business Planning provided by GRSM Board." To her knowledge, we have nothing in place for this, and though an attempt may have been made in the past to offer it, an effort to promote and facilitate this needs a huge push. It seems like such a task would fall under the umbrella of the Education Committee, and as a member of the Board of Directors, and a representative of our students and larger membership, she believes it is her duty and responsibility to encourage the committee to either develop such a program, or strike it from our P&P. Others shared that there is a need for a solid curriculum, but there are others to reach because not all people are interested in being credentialed yet want to continue their study of Science of Mind without repeating years 1 and 2 multiple times.

Events Team, Dana reported that the dates for the Fall retreat are Friday, September 26 through Sunday, September 28, 2014. The theme for the retreat is Renewal. The retreat will be located at Lake Anna, one house has been reserved and there is the option to reserve a second house if needed. Additional details will be forthcoming. A quarterly event has been scheduled for Thursday, June 26, 2014. This social includes meeting for dinner at 6PM in a local café in Richmond, VA then proceeding to a labyrinth for a walking meditation.

Old Business

Dr. Kitty reported that the plans for the June Graduation event are proceeding on schedule. She and Tina did a walk-through of the Chrysalis and everything is in order. Dana shared that there will be Drumming Circle event that same evening at 7PM at the All Paths Gathering Center and all are welcome.

New Business

Rev Carol shared that she intends to step down as Treasurer of GRSM and intends to nominate David Wilbert for Treasurer at the next BOD meeting. If anyone has another member to nominate for Treasurer please be prepared to do that next month.

Rev Carol asked that someone make an announcement at the graduation event about the benefits of becoming a member of AS-U.

Closing Treatment: Tina

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Noblitt, RScP, Secretary