

AS-U/GRSM BOD

Sunday, March 9, 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

Absent: Joe Burcham, RScP, Alternate; Rev Lisa Gemmill, Alternate; Rev Doug Kinney, Alternate; David Wilbert, RScP, Director

Opening Treatment: Rev Susie

February minutes were presented by Dana and accepted as correct.

Treasurer Report, Rev Carol said that normally we tithe on the income following each quarter after determining a recipient. However, we did not do this following the 4th quarter 2013 due to the year end's typically-reduced amount of income; producing a ten percent tithe of \$17. However, the income for the 1st quarter of 2014 promises to be much more substantial and Rev Carol suggested combining the tithe for those two periods and sending it out after next month's meeting. Our bank balance is currently \$3017.33.

Committee Reports/Updates

Communications Team, Committee Chairperson Rev Carol announced that Dr. Kitty has joined her on the team. The goal of this committee is to see that communications are made to the appropriate members and friends of AS-U/GRSM in a clear and timely manner. The current major project is the development of the AS-U's new website. To that end, a detailed questionnaire was sent out recently to the board and active members for their input as to what they would like to see on the site, how we can best keep viewers informed, and how it can most benefit our membership. The deadline for submitting those surveys is March 10, at which time the data collected will be analyzed and the new website will go into production. Dr. Kitty offered that their plan for the website is one that will reflect exactly what GRSM wants to share with the world,

be visually attractive and contain updated information, list events and other classes, and have links to other sites that enhance our message.

Credentialing Team, Committee Chairperson Rev Susie reported that Rev Carol plans to present two candidates for licensure from her ministerial class this fall, probably in October 2014. This committee is meeting Friday, March 14, 2014 and will consist of Rev Susie, Rev Chris Coates, and Rev Thelma Smith.

Education Team, Committee Chairperson Rev Lisa Marks is not present. There is no report. Dr. Kitty noted that she is also on this committee with Rev Lisa and believes Midge Marable is as well.

Events & Programs Team, Committee Chairperson Rev Lisa Gemmill is not present. There is no report. Dana stated that she, herself, is also on this committee along with Joe, and she believes Rev Thelma. Dr. Kitty shared that to her knowledge Rev Marks has not yet contacted Rev Gemmill about the next quarterly event being held at Inner Peace of Richmond. Rev Carol asked about plans for the annual retreat and stated that usually by the end of January a site would have been selected and a deposit made to hold the location. Dana thanked her for that information and stated she would have more information about the annual retreat for the April BOD meeting.

Membership Team, Committee Chairperson Erin shared that Rev Dwight is on this committee with her. The goal of the committee is to bring value to our current members, which consist of 43 members, 11 past members, and 25 friends. Their to do list consist of a number of items including looking into and developing: a members only section on the AS-U website; permission to post on a virtual community board; discounts on retreats, dinners, etc.; insider information and communication; maintaining a list of members in a google doc working with the Communications Committee on this. Plans are to send current and recent past members a monthly email and quarterly emails to others and friends. In addition, this will include information on how to renew your membership and how to unsubscribe if one does not wish to receive the emails. Erin asked if there is something currently on the website that is enticing to make people want to sign up as a member of AS-U? Dana suggested current members can write a testimony as to why they are a member and have a picture of the member. Dr. Kitty suggested we have a Testimonial Page on the website and disperse some of the testimonies on other pages of the website. Erin

moved to create a testimonial campaign, Dr. Kitty seconded the motion, and all approved.

Old Business

Location for June 21, 2014 graduation ceremony, Dr. Kitty presented that the cost to rent the Chrysalis Institute Gathering space is \$25 hour/friend and \$35 hour/non-member and estimates we will need the space from noon to 6 PM which includes set-up and clean up time. Rev Carol asked Dr. Kitty to check with Rev JR Adams about renting the space for us at a lower rate; last year he had a connection there and was able to rent the space for \$100. Also, she was encouraged to ask if there is an all-day rate which might be lower. It is noted that the rates could have changed from last year. Dana mentioned the All Paths Gathering Center is available to host the event, but Rev Susie noted the space is not larger enough to handle all the teachers, students and guests that could potentially attend. Dr. Kitty noted she had an agreement with the Chrysalis that she would contact them Monday, 3/10/2014 with an answer about AS-U committing to the space currently on reserve for us. Rev Carol motioned that Dr. Kitty use her best judgment to make a decision after her discussion with them about the pricing, Tina seconded the motion, and all approved.

Website Updates, Rev Carol stated intentions for the website: a place for members to meet, offering membership to interested people, provides a calendar, workshop information, a special place for members to post information about their own workshops, etc. The website is a place to connect with our spiritual community and adds value to our membership. The questionnaire for development of the website was sent to 60 people, only three have responded so far. The website should be based on what the AS-U members want, not what Kristin, our web designer wants. Rev Carol, Dr. Kitty, and Erin presented a spirited discussion about the importance of completing the questionnaire and having one's voice heard.

New Business

Rev Susie motioned that Rev Chris Coates, who has over 40 years of service to GRSM be gifted a lifetime membership, Dr. Kitty seconded the motion, and all approved.

Dana thanked everyone for all they do to further our goals and dreams and extended appreciation to the committees and the members.

Closing Treatment: Dr. Kitty

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Noblitt, RScP, Secretary