

## **AS-U/GRSM BOD**

**Sunday, May 18, 2014**

**8:00 PM**

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

**Attending:** Rev Dwight Smith, Vice-President; Tina Noblitt, RScP, Secretary; Dr. Kitty Boitnott, RScP, Director; Rev Susie Oknefski-Hamway, Director; David Wilbert, RScP, Director; Rev Lisa Gemmill, Alternate

**Absent:** Dana Carson, RScP, President; Rev Carol Andrix, Treasurer; Erin Muldoon Stetson, RScP, Director; Joe Burcham, RScP, Alternate; Rev Doug Kinney, Alternate

**Opening Treatment:** Rev Dwight

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

### **Committee Reports/Updates**

**Communications Team,** Dr. Kitty reported that Rev Carol asked her to step into the position of Chairperson for the Communications Team and she agreed to do so. Rev Carol stepped down from this team. Dr. Kitty reported that Kristin Neperud Merz, our web designer has done a wonderful job of taking the information from the AS-U membership returned questionnaires and the conference calls with the Communications Team to create the new AS-U web site. Rev Carol, Dr. Kitty, and Erin will act as the oversight team to ensure appropriate material is posted to the web site. Dr. Kitty asked if there were any comments or corrections that needed to be made to the web site. A number of suggestions were made, including that the blue color is very light, could it be made darker; could the font size be increased; and other comments included the logo is wonderful, perfect; if I were a first time visitor to the site, I would feel very welcomed and drawn to the organization.

**Education Team,** Dr. Kitty reported that the team met today and includes Chairperson, Rev Lisa Marks, Rev JR Adams, Midge Marable and herself. The team plans to meet again in two weeks by conference call. The team is developing a list of classes to be offered to individuals who want to

continue or start their study of Science of Mind. There will be a variety of classes available, which will appeal to the diversity of our teachers and anyone interested in learning more about SOM.

**Credentialing Team,** Rev Susie reported that the team is meeting this week to review the policies and procedures to determine what is needed for Rev Joe Gianini to begin teaching SOM classes.

**Events Team,** Rev Lisa reported that they are looking at possibly having events at a baseball game or a walk at a labyrinth. They are checking out several locations for the fall retreat, such as Pocahontas State Park and Shalom House Retreat Center. Currently, no date is set for the retreat, the board asked Rev Lisa to email the BOD next week with the dates of the retreat. Rev Dwight encouraged Rev Lisa to contact Rev JR Adams and Rev Rodney Ickes about planning a retreat as they have done it in the past and they are a great resource for knowledge.

**Membership Team,** There was no one present on the call to report for this team.

### **Old Business**

Dr. Kitty reported that Dan O'Neill and Nancy agreed to provide the music for the June graduation program. The invitation will be emailed on Wednesday, May 21, 2014. We are still working on the program. Rev Susie reminded everyone that the cost for each certificate is \$5 and she will email the teachers to determine who is receiving certificates and then she will coordinate with Rev Dwight to produce them.

### **New Business**

Dr. Kitty reported that during the meeting of the Education Team several comments were made that there was no communication from the AS-U BOD to the membership as to what the organization is doing. It was suggested that the minutes from the monthly board meeting could be sent by email to all paid members. The minutes would be sent as a draft before being approved by the BOD. The final version of the minutes will be posted to the AS-U web site the following month. Rev Susie motioned to send out the minutes as discussed above; Dr. Kitty seconded the motion; and all approved.

David reported that on the AS-U web site the Prayer Request function requires you to click on a name and Outlook email opens up for you to email your request. First, there are only two names to select from Rev Doug and Rev Denise Judd and second, not everyone uses Outlook for email. David would like to see more people on the prayer committee and a format that does not require the use of Outlook email. It reflects negatively on the organization if prayer request are not addressed in a timely manner. David, Dr. Kitty, Rev Lisa, and Rev Dwight all requested to be added to the prayer committee. Rev Lisa suggested that an auto responder be sent when a prayer request is received by AS-U. Rev Dwight offered to have his cell phone number listed as an alternative to email, since not all people use email. Also, it was suggested that the committee connect once a month to treat for the organization and for those that had sent a request.

**Closing Treatment:** Dr. Kitty

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Noblitt, RScP, Secretary