

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

**Sunday, November 9, 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. David Wilbert, Director; Joe Burcham, RScP, Director; Rev. Lisa Gemmill, Alternate; Rev. Lydia Evans, Director

**Absent:** Rev. Erin Muldoon Stetson, Director; Rev. Doug Kinney, Alternate

#### **Opening Treatment:** Dana

Secretary, Tina asked those present if there were any corrections or additions needed to approve the October 2014 BOD meeting minutes; Rev. Dwight moved to adopt the minutes as presented; Rev. Carol seconded the motion; and all approved.

**Treasurer Report:** Rev. David relinquished the duties of Treasurer. Rev. David nominated Rev. Carol to fill the vacated position of Treasurer; Rev. Lydia seconded the motion; and all approved. Rev. Carol submitted the 2014 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financial Report (see attached). The current balance as of November 8, 2014 is \$1,491.91 with no payments outstanding.

Rev. Carol shared her thoughts on membership and the call for a tithe instead of a call for dues. She stated that the call for dues is not a bill or statement to members, but part of an annual letter addressing the membership, touching on some of the organization's developments over the previous twelve months, and inspiring people with a reason to join us or renew. She reminded the board this letter is also used to announce the date, time, and place of the Annual Meeting, and inclusion of the By-Laws and Policies and Procedures, along with a reminder that if anyone wants changes to be made in those, they have to submit their suggestions to the board who will in turn present them before the Annual Meeting. Rev. Carol wrote a sample letter (see attached), which was emailed to the board on Saturday, November 8, 2014 for us to review. Rev. Carol presented an alternative which comes from a place of love and community and makes AS-U more approachable. Rev. Dwight asked for more time to review the letter. Any comments are to be sent to Rev. Carol by Wednesday, November 12, 2014 so she can finalize the letter. Rev. Carol suggested that Dana look at the past three years of President's Letters to see how the call to review the By-Laws is handled and reminded us that the letter needs to go out 60 days before the annual meeting.

Rev. Carol asked why the annual meeting was to be held at the Americas Best Value Inn in Sandston. Dana stated that last year the venue was not wheelchair accessible and we have a need to select a venue that is accessible. Rev. Carol suggested the organization think with a higher prosperity consciousness and revisit selecting a classier venue that is also accessible to all members and guest.

## **Committee Reports/Updates**

**Credentialing Team**, Rev. Lydia reported that two ministerial licenses and one practitioner license were granted and Rev JR Adams was ordained.

**Events Team**, Rev. Lisa reported no additional news at this time.

**Membership Team**, Rev. Dwight reported that the team is talking about getting a letter out to the membership to discover their talents and what services members might share in our community. Rev. Carol noted that when people apply for a license, they indicate on the form what committee they would be interested in serving on. We need to look at the forms to see what help people offered. Also, all of this needs to be discussed at the annual meeting. Perhaps there can be sign-up sheets on each table or at a single location and the leadership needs to put it out there and encourage our membership to get involved. Rev. Lisa and Dana will develop a form for the annual meeting to encourage member sign-up and participation in our organization. Dana and Rev. Dwight will work on membership cards. With all of our talented members, Rev. Carol stated she would love to see members submit articles from their field of expertise and publish the articles on our web site.

A discussion developed concerning the Christmas Party and whether it should be held at a local center or an outside venue. We were reminded that earlier in the year, we had a similar discussion and the consensus at the time was to consider both before making a decision. The discussion also involved our need to maintain a prosperity consciousness for the organization and to be mindful stewards of the organizations assets.

## **Other Business**

Dana delayed the Education Committee discussion due to a lack of time.

Rev. Carol stated that within the President's Letter to membership should be a call for members that are interested in serving on the board.

Dana proposed that when a member is ordained the organization will gift \$100 to the member as a token of our best wishes. Rev. Lisa moved to accept this proposal; Rev. Carol seconded the proposal; and all approved.

Rev. Carol asked if everyone approves the logo for AS-U. The consensus is yes. However, it is noted that the logo does not work as a watermark on the certificates.

Dana thanked everyone for being present and for the great discussions.

**Closing Treatment:** Rev. Dwight

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Noblitt, RScP, Secretary

**The Alliance for Spiritual Understanding (AS-U)  
Global Religious Science Ministries (GRSM)  
3rd Quarter Financial Report  
July through September 2014**

Beginning Balance 1386.00

**INCOME**

Membership dues	25.00
Student Application fees	25.00
Tithes & Offerings	60.00
Retreat payments	
550.00	
(Retreat payments refunded)	(550.00)
Income 3rd Quarter 2014	<u>110.00</u>
Available Funds	
<u>1496.00</u>	

**EXPENDITURES**

Richmond Graduation	
336.13	
INTA Meeting Representation	
300.00	
PayPal fees	
18.90	
Website Quarterly Hosting	44.85
Tithes	
50.00	
Total Expenditures	
<u>749.88</u>	

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rev. Carol Andrix  
Acting Treasurer

GRSM 2015 "DUES" LETTER DRAFT

I think of the Science of Mind sort of like Tide detergent. When I find something that works for me, I want to tell everyone about it! I'd tried lots of other soaps and they didn't quite cut it when it came to getting my laundry clean; since I had evidence right before my eyes that Tide works, why wouldn't I use it consistently, right?

Do you remember when you first realized that the Law of Attraction works? As you became more honest with yourself and more aware of the Law's dynamics, you could see evidence of it in your life, right? You are receiving this letter because you are among the enlightened ones who know that whether a person believes, doubts, or consciously uses It, the Law always works! We comprise a corporal body of spiritual Mind believers, knowers and doers! And over the years, many of us have come to this way of "doing" life through the portal of Global Religious Science Ministries in some form or another.

As most of you know, GRSM has recently donned a new mantle as the Alliance for Spiritual Understanding (AS-U) with an evolving perspective on how to do what we do best: share Truth principles and make of them a conscious treatment-in-progress. So, rather than being an organization of dues-paying members, we now claim ourselves as a community of practical spiritual planetary explorers who support each other, uplift each other, expand each others' understanding of the myriad ways the Law works and enriches our lives. You already know that what you focus on becomes your experience, so as a member of a community that "acts" rather than merely "wishes," I am encouraging you and downright challenging you to participate in an "active treatment." Here's what I mean. . .

Typically, as Treasurer, I would be sending you a reminder that's it's time to pay your GRSM membership dues. But we are no longer doing business as GRSM. We are in the process of exuding a new energy as we re-constitute our community and take it to the next level as a true ALLIANCE FOR SPIRITUAL UNDERSTANDING! And I am seizing this opportunity to remind us that as human beings, we seek like-minded relationships and the satisfaction of belonging, that what we have in common is spiritual mind healing, and that what we DO is demonstrate by example how to use Spiritual Mind principles. So, since we already understand how powerful affirmative prayer is, and just like Tide, it's available all over the universe, and if used correctly, it really gets the job done, right? Then, doesn't it make sense for us to get together and do a really active treatment for a strong vibrant community of talented, passionate individuals forming a powerful, positive alliance that supports and nurtures its members???

THEREFORE, INSTEAD OF MAKING THIS A DEMAND FOR DUES . . .

. . . this is an opportunity for you to perform an "active treatment" this very day. Rather than dues (separate from annual fees that keep professional licenses in good standing, to be addressed at a later date), this "active treatment" consists of your pledge to the Mission and Vision of AS-U's "Yes-minded" community, accompanied by a monetary contribution in whatever amount from \$1 to \$1 million this practical spiritual alliance is worth to you. **These two elements – 1) the pledge and 2) the contribution – are very important components of the "active treatment."** And since the Universe is always responding with "YES!" in accordance with your belief about what you think you deserve, and in the spirit of "what goes around, comes around," you get to determine the amount and importance of what this "YES" means in your life and in your spiritual community. Through the use of this "active treatment," you not only envision and empower AS-U as a super source of information, conversation and demonstration of Truth principles, but you are also calling forth blessings, nurturance and prosperity into your own life at

the same time! (Oh, by the way, see what the Education Committee has in the works in terms of our alliance and networking! [www.allianceforspiritualunderstanding.com](http://www.allianceforspiritualunderstanding.com))

So, turn this letter over, sign your pledge, and send it with a check made out to AS-U to my care at the address on the back. (Or you can do this online.) Why wait? There's no time like the present for you to do a beautiful "active treatment," your commitment to your spiritual community, and a re-commitment to your self/Self!