

Tucson Center for Spiritual Living

Board Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2009

Call to Order: 5:50pm

Evocation & High Watch: Ruth Ward RScP

Board Attendees: Don P., Rev. Donald, Jim W., Kay P., Mark F., Jane A.

Absent:

Guests:

Visioning

What is the Highest Vision or Highest Ideal for Tucson Center for Spiritual Living?

Natural, spiritual, authority. To embrace enlighten and cultivate the community. Spirit flowing within and through all. Community, service, love. Spiritual growth and development. Care of all who show up. Joy prosperity, joy multiplying. Many coming together (voices singing). Completeness and fullness.

What changes, evolves or becomes, in support of this highest vision?

More order, service, growth, and joy. Giving each the openness to accept their greatest existence spiritually. Church with a beautiful view. Love and Unity. Oneness. An openness for change. Unity of purpose. We open to all possibilities and remain open. Word of mouth communications. Strong recommendations. Continued support.

Secretary's Report – Jane Austin & Kay Prince

Minutes from January 8, 2009 reviewed.

Addition to Minutes: Treasurer was authorized to purchase a 2 year CD and he will decide on amount of CD.

Minutes accepted with addition.

Treasurer's Report – Don Poore

Monthly Financials:

	January 2009		
	3-Month Avg. (O,N& D)	Jan. Actual	Jan. Budget
Sunday Offerings	\$ 8,414	\$ 9,363	\$ 7,192
Total Income	\$14,053	\$13,490	\$ 8,359
Total Expenses	<u>\$10,605</u>	<u>\$12,380</u>	<u>\$ 7,459</u>
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 3,448	\$ 1,089	\$ 900
Cash Balances	<u>Nov. 30</u>	<u>Dec. 31</u>	<u>Jan. 31</u>
Checking	\$ 4,679	\$ 1,985	\$ 2,809
Education Fund	\$ 1,674	\$ 1,014	\$ 4,107
Savings	<u>\$ 8,617</u>	<u>\$17,653</u>	<u>\$16,753</u>
Total	\$14,970	\$20,652	\$23,670

Comments:

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We averaged over \$2,300 per week for Sunday offerings in January, which is a significant increase over 2008. Total income of \$13,490 includes \$3,100 for Classes, which is not a normal monthly source of income.

Unusual expenses for the month include:

Spotlights for the JLeague	\$ 123
Computer modem	\$ 162
Phone system	\$ 87
Annual meeting (food & awards)	\$ 395
Prosperity Campaign Program	\$1,590

We also paid \$804 to UCSL for tithes for January 2009 (\$387) and a monthly make-up of \$417 for the last six months of 2008. Your treasurer forgot to pay it in 2008.

The Rent expense includes \$500 transferred to the Building Fund to "offset" our new reduced Sunday Services rent at the Junior League.

Comments;

- We will pick up paying tithes to UCSL for the last six months of 2008 over the next six months.

Stewardship Core

- Tithing & Charitable Giving
 - UCSL Tithing (5%) Update –
 - Discussed "catch-up plan for fiscal 2007-2008 and our new pledge for fiscal 2008-2009.
 - Charitable Giving (2%):
 - January's contribution (based on December #'s) goes to Sunstone Cancer Support Center
 - February's (based on January #'s) goes to ICS
 - March's goes to EMERGE!.

Other:

- Prosperity Campaign is getting in full swing and will be ready for KickOff on March 8. It will wrap up the end of April and we plan on a Celebration Banquet May 1.
- Next meeting 2-16, 12:00pm, at Church Office.

Chair's Report – Mark Flint

Old Business (Action Items from last meeting):

Signs to be made for community Bulletin Board and TCSD sponsored Events within the next couple of weeks. Work continues on moving Board Minutes, Bylaws, and P&P's on line. Rev. Donald enrolled in 5 GIFTS Facilitator Training.

Other:

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- Use of Web Mail to be made available to Board Members.
Board members willing to try email through YahooGroups. Mark to send out invitation to those not already enrolled.
- Orientation of new Board members completed by Rev. Donald on 1-27-09.

CSL's Report – Rev. Donald Graves

Certificated Classes:

- “Meditation” series begun with 13 in attendance. Prac. I continues.
- Will begin “Power of Your Word” on March 31.

Non-Certificated Classes:

- “World’s Religions & Their Texts” began with 6 in attendance. It will run through 4/8.
- Will probably only do short classes afterwards, unless “Foundations” is called for loudly.

Guest Speakers / Seminar Leaders & Special Services / Events:

- Community Visioning session on March 1st after Sunday Celebration Services.
- Garland Landrith scheduled for a re-visit, May 3 & 4. He will offer something for IONS on May 1 & 2.

Youth:

- All is going well.

Community Outreach:

- “Spirituality in the Workplace” (1/29-31) was a resounding success for all the attendees. Approximately 90 people participated and the material was good. Rev D presented “The Missing Piece” and “Visioning Practices”, both of which were enthusiastically and positively received. Several wanted to know about our Center afterwards. Have been invited to participate next year, too.

Music:

- Music Core met on 1/22 and has a couple of items for discussion and presentation:
 - Revised Musician P&P will be submitted by Rev D and David Prouty at March Board Meeting.
 - We all agreed to keep looking for Congregational songs and make suggestions.
 - Rev D and David P. will submit a Project Proposal to the board soon for the Talent Show, which we would like to schedule for April 3rd.
 - David P. will help coordinate, plan and get talent, etc., for the Fall World Music Concert scheduled for October 16th.
 - Rev D is forwarding all musicians’ request to perform to David P.
 - Rev D recommends renaming David Prouty’s title as Music Director.

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- Next meeting, 2/12, 6:15pm

Board agreed to renaming David Prouty's title to be "Music Director".

Upcoming Travel:

- Annual UCSL Gathering in Anaheim, CA, February 15-20.
- Annual Minister's Convocation, Coeur d'Alene, ID, May 14-23.

Website:

- Still adding documents as they get .pdf'd and/or finished for presentation. Board Minutes are the next priority.
- Business Directory is all but finished and ready to go online

Ecclesiastical Core:

- Met 1/15, with next meeting scheduled for 2/12.

Visioning Core Report –

- Next meeting 2/26. Subject for visioning will be Membership.

Membership Report –

- Membership/Friends applications--Dawn
10 Friend applications and 6 Membership applications. Will be available for confirmation at next Board meeting.
- Membership Core met and discussed the following: the need for a developmental track for members and leadership, the need for identification of criteria for membership classes, and the need for a plan of implementation to get people up to speed with developmental track. Recommendation made to ask Ministry of Prayer for "prayers of guidance on membership." Next Core meeting Feb. 17th at 5:30.

Membership list needs to be updated with names added and deleted.

Administration Report—Dawn

- Activity in office has increased for a variety of reasons including congregation growth. 2008 contribution letters completed. Dawn worked twenty additional hours worked from 1-1-09 to 2-3-09 for a total of \$300. Request to the Board for approval of this amount and for consideration of an additional 5 hours per week moving forward.
- Additional volunteer time requests made.

Board agreed to approve the overtime request of \$300. The Board is recommending that at this time the additional 5 hours per week be covered by volunteers to be recruited by Dawn. Definition of volunteerism discussed briefly. Will be put on future agenda.

Marketing Report – Kay Prince

- Foothills newspaper to be considered as a possible source for advertising.

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Facility Report –

- Received a request for rental/ usage from Jan Shuman for the Project Heaven on Earth monthly meetings, first Friday, 1-3pm. How much: Set amount or Love Offering? Rev D recommends Love Offering.

Board agreed to Project Heaven using Office space monthly for set amount of Love Offering.

New Business

- Board Retreat

Scheduled Board Retreat for May 29, 6:00-9:00pm and May 30th, 9:00am to 1:00pm. Rev. Donald will ask Cindy Potter to facilitate Retreat.

- Next Meeting

The next board meeting is scheduled for March 5th at 6:00 PM. Before the meeting we will gather for dinner at 5pm.

Meeting Adjourned: at 8:00pm

Benediction: Ruth Ward, RScP

Respectfully Submitted By,
Jane I. Austin, Board Secretary