

Tucson Center for Spiritual Living

Board Meeting Reports / Minutes

June 1, 2009

Call to Order: 6:00pm

Evocation & High Watch: Ruth Ward

Board Attendees: Mark F., Rev. Donald, Rev. Gerri, Bill A., Jim W., Jane A., Judy C., Bobbi N., Kay P., Don P., Roger H., Ro H., Ray H.,

Absent:

Guests: Babette

Visioning

***What is the Highest Vision or Highest Ideal for Tucson Center for Spiritual Living?** One voice expressing joy, Oneness/unity, compassion, love; total oneness, as though it's always been only one; one mind as completion; fully embraces an awareness and expression of power, joy and celebration; go to Center is the nucleus for peace, abundance and guidance; mandala, inclusivity: love, guidance, light; cooperation & fellowship; to be a channel for Truth to reach people; peaceful and powerful; many hearts-one voice; reaching out beyond us; unlimited potential; Center for people to come to know others, a place of becoming/sharing/helping.

***What changes, evolves or becomes, in support of this highest vision?** Inclusion R Us; a magnet drawing like-minded people together; inspiration; a full integration of the God within; No judgments, flourishing; rays of light; loving acceptance each with the other; one joyous community; reach more people; gathering and celebration of youth; ways for many hearts to become one voice; community; thoughts of limitation; there is a power that supports this movement, it comes of the night sky. It is feminine, nurturing and loving.

Else?: Let go, let God, Let's go; inclusive of all talents and skills of all the members; community outreach; step in, step up; all are heard; bigger than we are;

Secretary's Report – Jane Austin

Minutes from May 13, 2009 meeting corrected online and accepted at meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Don Poore

Monthly Financials:

<u>2009</u>	<u>Sunday Offerings</u>	<u>Total Income</u>	<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>Net Inc.</u>
March	17,270	18,591	12,440	6,152
April	20,952	22,633	18,761	3,873
May	13,380	17,808	16,082	1,726
Total	51,602	59,032	47,283	11,751
3 month avg.	17,201	19,677	15,761	3,917

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<u>Cash balances</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>
Checking	6,516	10,045	7,532
Edu. Fund	890	1,248	2,012
Savings	8,154	8,655	10,155
Building CD	<u>10,025</u>	<u>10,031</u>	<u>10,046</u>
Total	25,585	29,979	29,745

Comments

- Sunday offerings for May of \$13,380 were once again well in excess of our original budget of \$7,192. We continue to see the results of our 5 Gifts Prosperity Program.
- The only May expenses that were unusually higher than normal were Minister's Bonus & Pension, Tithing, and Charitable Giving. These expenses were based on the Sunday offerings of April, which was a record month.
- Average weekly attendance was 97 and the average weekly Sunday offering \$27.47 per person.
- Total Savings, including the CD, are \$20,201 of which \$19,580 is restricted to the Building Fund.
- Rev. Gerri shared CSLSoAZ's financial report. Tithe to ICSL to continue until Charter is retired.

Stewardship Core

Recommendation to reconvene Stewardship Core.

Chair's Report – Mark Flint

Old Business (Action Items from last meeting):

Graphic artist to review Discovery Pathway and make suggestions for more appealing image.

Hosts/ushers/counters to be listed in newsletter to assist in communication.

CSL's Report – Rev. Donald Graves

Administration:

- Dawn's final day was last Thursday, 5/28, and today (Monday, 6/1), Kay and Rev. Donald talked with Babette about the job, its expectations and our vision for the Office Administrator.
- We've had the repair people out to work on the copier numerous times in the past 12 months. The prognosis doesn't look good. The Canon has been a good work-horse and it may be time to consider a replacement. Costs begin at about \$5,500 and go up, and obviously, technology has improved. We will be getting revised quotes.

Certificated Classes:

- "Power of Your Word" began Tuesday, 5/5, and "Foundations" began Wednesday, 5/27. Visioning (a 4wk version, specifically designed with the leadership in mind)

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begins Monday, 6/15, with Gloria Graham, RScP teaching it. We have agreed to run this on a Love Offering Basis.

Non-Certificated Classes:

- Are in the final revision stage of the Treatment 4-Week Small Group series curriculum. We should be ready to go with it in a week or so, and then we'll begin to set up small groups for the process. Goal is to begin in July with possibility of Affirmative Prayer as the focus.

Guest Speakers / Seminar Leaders & Special Services / Events:

- Last month, Rev Gerri Harrison was listed as a Guest Speaker for June 7. This month, she is listed as the speaker since we've begun to work together. See "to do" list.

Youth:

- Youth will be the focus on the next Vision Core session, Monday, 6/15.
- The "Trip Around the World" summer series begins 6/7, and the congregation has been asked to provide input if anyone has experiences with other countries.
- Kevin Brown & Monika McGinnis have volunteered to design a Youth and Family Ministry program. Visioning is next on the Agenda.

Community Outreach & Inreach:

- Rev D will attend a Rotary meeting, Friday, June 5, to verify and decide if this will be a valid and viable community service organization with whom to participate.

Action – Determine whether to join or not by 6/5. (Rev D)

- Rev D will meet again with Robie Leffler, RScP regarding her chaplain capacity. She has begun the process of moving her Practitioner license from Seaside, CA to Tucson, and is registered for Chaplain Training at UMC.

Music:

- David Prouty will be talking with Dave Billman about together coordinating Sunday music.

Upcoming Travel:

- Holmes Institute Ministerial Graduation, Seaside CA, leaving Sunday, 6/7, returning Monday, 6/8. Rev Gerri will cover Sunday Service.

Website:

- Proceed with the development of a Communications Core, which would combine Marketing, advertising website, brochures and all branding/organizational image "stuff". Babette wants to participate in this very important team. Currently, two meetings are scheduled with the Marketing Team (6/3 and 6/10 @ 5:45pm). A marketing specialist will attend and present at the 6/10 meeting.
- Awaiting our new logo from Marty Bunch. She is attending the Branding Rollout in Seattle June 9-10, and thereafter will be familiar with the new branding information and more able to respond to the upcoming changes. She has the information to provide the logo for now.

Ecclesiastical Core:

- Next on the Agenda will be visioning on monthly themes and talk titles for the 3rd quarter.

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CSL Emerge Team:

- Will begin meeting together in every capacity as of June 14 Sunday service. Next meeting Thursday, June 4, 6:30pm.
- Still working the Team's Action Items.
- Rev D and Rev Gerri have discussed and begun to lay out the speaker schedule.

Vision Core:

- Next session will focus on Youth.

Other:

- Judy and Rev D will coordinate a time to discuss and alter the Discovery Pathway guideline for membership and leadership.
- Dubli Partnership Program overview and presentation (Rev D – from Michael and Ellen Swanson). Board decided to say, "No" to doing the program.

New Business

• Event Team

Concert in October will be to develop seed money for Spring Event. Board agreed that an Event Team needs to be developed.

• Board Retreat

Both Boards to be included in Retreat. Date of retreat remains Friday and Saturday, June 12th & 13th.

• Covenant, Philosophy & Value Statement

To be discussed at next Board meeting.

• Transition with ICSL

Board composition for rest of year to remain a combination of both Boards.

Next meeting July 2, at 6:00PM. Before the meeting we will gather for dinner at 5PM.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:40p.m.

Benediction: Ruth Ward

Summary of Action Items

<u>Description</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>	<u>Due</u>
• Reconvene Stewardship Core	Rev. Donald/Phyllis Grimes/Barbara Arissa	7-2
• Send E-Script info. To Board	Judy	7-2
• Compile Sacred Service List for admin.	Babette	7-2
• Send Counters Schedule to Dennis	Kay	6-7
• Send Hosts Schedule to Dennis	Mark	6-7
• Combine Ushers/counters/Hosts on E letter	Mark/Dennis	6-7
• 4-wk course: Curriculum, pick facilitators	Rev. Donald	7-2
• Emergence Team discuss Liability Insurance	Mark, Nathan	7-2
• Women's Group: announce, set up sign-up sht.	Rev. Gerri	7-2
• Membership Core display Sacred Service Card	Jane/Flo/Gloria	7-2

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| • Purchase "Grow with change" boxes | Bobbi | 7-2 |
| • Discuss with Architect the "Church" \$ container | Mark | 7-2 |
| • Ensure all functioning on Yahoo | Mark | 7-2 |
| • Devise plan & procedure for alter. Church loc. | Jim/Kevin | 7/2 |
| • Graphic Artist to make to make softer/gentler
Picture/path for Discovery Pathway | Mark/Rev. Donald | 7/2 |

Respectfully Submitted By,

Jane Austin
Board Secretary