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Board Members: Mark Flint - President, Don Poore - Treasurer, Jane Austin - Secretary, Reverend Donald Graves - Sr. Minister

- Reports on 2009 -

Financial Report / Funding Team / Planned Giving

Don Poore, Treasurer, and Sylvia Matteson from the Funding Team will report on the financials and on the upcoming Planned Giving Program. All-in-all, it was a very good year, thanks to your generosity. The unverified, and therefore approximate income and expense values, are as follows:

	Sunday Offerings	Total Income	Total Expenses	Net Income	Total Year Attendance	Weekly Attendance	Weekly Offering per Person
2009 Budget	\$98,442	\$135,000	\$127,200	\$7,800			
2009 Actual	\$157,521	\$206,049	\$180,086	\$25,963	5,777	111	\$27.26
2008 Actual	\$92,200	\$138,300	\$130,000	\$8,300	4,288	82	\$21.46
2007 Actual	\$81,250	\$103,800	\$93,600	\$10,200	3,230	62	\$25.15

Education CORE

UCSL Certificated Curriculum offered at CSLT in 2009 to over 70 students:

THE ESSENTIAL ERNEST

VISIONING – 4 Week

FOUNDATIONS OF THE SCIENCE OF MIND

THE POWER OF YOUR WORD

MEDITATION IS MORE THAN YOU THINK

PRACTITIONER I

Other Classes & Workshops included:

The World's Religions & Their Texts, several different workshops and two learning circle study series: *Five Gifts for an Abundant Life* and *Yes, You Can Change The World*.

Guest Speakers (some of whom presented workshops) included:

Rev Tony Bonacorso, Rev Sandra Jean, Dr. Garland Landrith, Aman Motwane

Youth & Family CORE

Phyllis Grimes served as Youth Director, assisted by Ruth Ward, and during the summer, several people got together, visioned, socialized and began the Family & Youth CORE. Kevin Brown had rotator cup surgery and has been out of commission since November. If you would like to help build the Youth & Family Ministry, talk with Phyllis or with Rev Donald.



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Music CORE

With David Prouty at the piano helm, we hosted several guest musicians and re-awakened the TCSL (now CSLT) Choir. It just keeps getting better.

Ecumenical

- Rev Donald presented at the Conference on Spirituality in the Workplace to approximately 125 people. He also presented his "The Missing Piece" workshop as a Leadership Development Seminar for the Pima County Parenting Coalition. Approximately 30 people were in attendance.
- The two Centers for Spiritual Living came together to determine if we could blend into one congregation. Individually, we got buy-in from both congregations, so the leadership could move forward with the discovery process. When it came to the bottom line, we found it could not work at this time so that everyone got what they needed...not just what everyone wanted, but needed. So the blending did not go through to completion. At CSL Tucson, we believe that someday a blending can and will occur. For now, the congregations have continued to partner in this great work called Religious Science, and we will let it unfold in due time.

Visioning

The Vision CORE continued to vision on the Highest and Best for CSL Tucson. A small regular group of people meet monthly to vision on specific areas of the church's life. All are welcomed to observe the process, and anyone who has been trained in the visioning process is welcomed to participate.

Practitioners

The Practitioners have been developing a Practitioner CORE, and some have stepped forward to work with the newly formed Grief Support Group. The participants say that they have been enjoying the group tremendously.

Membership

Much has been discussed regarding membership over this past year, including "What does membership mean at CSL Tucson?" Anyone who would like to help shape the answer to this important question is welcome to join the Membership CORE and participate in the exercise.

Marketing / Communications

- We continued our advertising with "Natural Awakenings" all year and decided to extend it into 2010, as well.
- We are using a new platform for the newsletter now, and comments have been very positive. If you haven't checked your newsletter lately, be sure to do so.
- We recently hired a local webmaster to work on our new website.



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Facility / Move CORE

Our Office & Education Center continues to serve us well for classes and administration, as does the Jr. League for Sunday services. We have continued the lease on the Office space and are booked throughout 2010 at the Jr. League. In 2010 there are no Sundays where we must meet elsewhere.

- 2010 Plans-To-Date

Community Planning Sessions

Community envisioning met three times with the intention of uncovering and expressing what our perfect community would look like in the years ahead. This also included a Community Visioning session during the October 13 Sunday Service. The 2012 envisioning included a much larger vibrant, caring and inclusive membership in a beautiful facility of our own. The final output was a handful of directionally congruent actions we agreed to take in the early months of 2010. These will be shared at the Annual Gathering.

Proposed Bylaws Changes:

The following revisions to the bylaws are proposed by the Board for approval by the congregation at the January 31, 2010 annual meeting. A full copy of the bylaws is available in the CSLT Office and Education Center and on the CSLT Website.

(Proposed changes to remove text are indicated by ~~striketrough~~; proposed additional text is in **bold**. Explanations for the changes are in brackets [].)

Proposed Changes Include...

All instances of:

Science of Mind Center of Tucson
DBA: ~~Tucson~~-Center for Spiritual Living **Tucson**
[Reason: To update previously approved name change]

Article V Meeting of Members

Section 2 Annual Meetings

Notice of each annual meeting shall be given by announcement at the regular services on not less than two (2) consecutive Sundays immediately preceding the meeting, and by written **or electronic** notice mailed to each member at least 21 days prior to the meeting.

[Reason: To allow email notification.]

Article VI Board of Trustees

Section 3 Executive Committee



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~~The Board of Trustees may appoint an Executive Committee.~~ The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the Officers of the Board of Trustees and the Senior Minister. **The Executive Committee's function is to deliberate on personnel and legal matters of The Church.**

[Reason: To clarify purpose and scope of Executive Committee]

Executive Committee meetings may be called by any member thereof, upon notice to the members of the Executive Committee of the time and place of such meeting. **Notice of the meeting and its purpose shall also be given to the full board.** Minutes shall be kept of each meeting of the Executive Committee that shall be read at the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees and any action considered for ratification. A majority of the authorized number of members of the Executive committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. **All decisions made by the Executive Committee must be ratified by the full board.**

[Reason: To ensure openness and transparency of board actions.]

Section 17 Open and Closed Meetings

~~Subjects~~ **Personnel and legal matters of The Church** may be discussed by Board members **or by the Executive Committee** in a private caucus associated with a Board meeting. However, all motions and voting shall be done in an open Board meeting.

[Reason: To clarify purpose of closed meetings.]

Election of Board Members:

Nominations

- Candidates include Gary Carter, Janis Farmer, Judy Imamudeen and Sylvia Matteson. Their bios can be found below. The candidates will briefly address the membership at the Annual Gathering.
- We have one (1) one-year opening; one (1) two-year opening, and two (2) three-year openings. If you're interested in serving in this capacity, please contact Jane Austin, Board Secretary, or Rev Donald prior to the meeting, in order to discuss the requirements, duties and expectations of Board Members.

2010 Board of Trustees Candidates Bio's

Gary Carter: I found Religious Science in 1982 at Mile High Church in Denver and quickly completed classes and became an active member. Over the next few years I completed all of the courses offered there. I was licensed as a Practitioner in 1989 and kept a practice for several years. In 1991 I earned the degree of Fellow of Religious Science from Earnest Holmes College in Denver. I served on the Financial Board of Mile High Church and the Prayer Ministry for several years. I became members of Tucson Center For Spiritual Living in 2007. Here I have served briefly on the Move Committee and as Host for the Sunday Celebration. Nancy I continue to serve Center for Spiritual Living at Tucson as volunteers and



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as we find things to be done. At this time I believe I can be an asset to the Center and to the teaching of Science of Mind as a member of the Board of Center for Spiritual Living at Tucson.

Janis Farmer: When I first discovered the Science of Mind just after Easter 2009, I was overjoyed that there was an organization that believed as I did. I have been a regular ever since, and have just started my third certificated class with the intention of starting Practitioners Training in the fall of 2010. I've assisted with most of the Spiritual Cinema showings and with weekly data input in the office since mid-year 2009. I have been attending the monthly Board of Trustees meetings as a guest since November and have assisted the Board with Sunday set-up operations when they have been short-handed, with the Spaghetti Supper, the Community Planning Sessions and the Annual Gathering. My technical background includes over 20 years in intensely practical project, program and data management. I believe CSLT is the best place to be in Tucson, and getting better every day. I am also delighted at the opportunity to serve such a fabulous community.

Judy Imamudeen (formerly Judy Houlihan): I have been a member of the Center for Spiritual Living Tucson since 2005. I have volunteered in the church office and as an usher, as well as serving as the Youth Director and on the Visioning, and Family and Youth Core since becoming a member. I have taken a multitude of Religious Science Classes and intend to pursue Practitioner training. I hold a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry and a Master's of Education. I am married to Ryan Imamudeen who I met while serving in the Peace Corps, and am the proud mother of a newborn daughter, Hannah Noelle. I am on sabbatical from the teaching profession, working as an Information Specialist for Triumph Capital Partners, a FDIC loan advisory company. I desire to join the Board with the intention of expanding our church community; to include young families, growing the collective consciousness of our community, bringing to fruition the Vision of our church, and finding a more permanent spiritual home for the Center for Spiritual Living Tucson.

Sylvia L. Matteson: I have been involved with Center for Spiritual Living Tucson for three plus years and during that time my mind has been stretched and my soul has been fed. I have been an active member of the Funding Team and I am excited about presenting the Planned Giving Program in March of 2010. I have years of experience in serving on almost every board and committee in various churches. Also, I have 29 years of experience in comprehensive financial planning with a spiritual bent, in running small businesses, and in living a grounded life in peace and joy. With a strong spiritual practice, I feel now is the time for me to step forward and show up to help guide and support this community in moving to a new level.