
Meeting Minutes

I. Call to order

A meeting of Awakening Together Trustees was held on 01/30/2017 at 5:45 MT. Attendees included Regina, Jacquelyn, Jay, Ken, Gloria, Carrie. Members not in attendance included: Sonja

Approval of minutes: Minutes from 03/06/2017 approved

Contemplation of quote: “When you overlook the truth of who you are in allegiance to some story, you miss a precious opportunity for self-recognition.” ~ Gangaji

Unfinished business:

- A. Update to Bluehost:** Jay worked with Ken to train him to upload files from PC to Bluehost. He is now able to use the server. Jay will continue preparing for the changeover by adding players to a page created by Regina for the purpose of determining what players will make the materials accessible to our members. Jay will continue to provide updates. Regina suggested 4 ways of letting members know how to test the site, 2-week window suggested for testing players on website.
- B. Mentor program review:** The trustees continued their discussion of the best approach to providing mentors for our ordained ministers. Potential solutions including a Board of ministers, Ken monitoring were discussed. Trustees also discussed whether we have right people set up for mentor program. Suggestions about board of ministers discussed further. It was decided that we should have a board or subcommittee to oversee our minister association and to structure a program for mentoring Gloria to potentially chair the board. Board/Committee to provide mentoring and monitoring. Procedure number 8 Minister ordination policy will need to be amended to effect new structure. Plan is to complete recommended amendments to be ready for next board of directors meeting in May or August for determination. The new policy additions would need to include procedure for selecting board/committee members as well as broad directive to create process for monitoring all ministers.
- C. Teaching MPP outside AT:** Trustees discussed having AT taught at Carrie’s church for MPP ordination, which is currently prohibited by our classes policy. Regina expressed concerns after having spoken to minister at Carrie's church. There is a potential conflict of interest with offering MPP as that church has its own minister ordination program. Majority vote no for ordination outside of official online MPP program through AT. Regina is willing to extend the opportunity for transferring any gained credits to ordination. Proposal was made to change policy to allow people to begin MPP training at brick and mortar site (as long as taught by certified MPP teacher) and transfer credits to MPP toward ordination. Regina will draft policy.
- D. Spring elections:** Regina reported on timeline for summer election to add trustees to Board. Initial Email to members 05/22 for submitting nominations closing on June 5. Board Secretary has 7 days to tally votes. June 16 ballots go out to members. July 17 Trustees meet to ratify elections. Regina and Jay will work together. The June Board of Trustee meeting will be moved to the second Monday, June 12 to accommodate election schedule.

- E. Itinerary for Israel:** Regina has completed the initial itinerary and will email to trustees for review. Vote on whether to extend trip for 3 days or one additional week. Regina will email more details about extension and we will review this topic at next meeting.
- F. Trustee summer schedule:** Trustees to meet once monthly during summer months May-Aug on the third Monday. May 15, June 12, July 17 and August 21 will be meeting dates for summer months.
- G. Ken coverage** – reminder to trustees to email Ken with availability to provide coverage as needed.
- H. Benevolence committee:** Upon application of member, Geraldine Scott, the Benevolence committee voted to purchase books for prison ministry program Carrie and Gerry are leading.

Adjourned 7:45 MT

Gloria Wells

Secretary

Date of approval