
Meeting Minutes

I. Call to order

A meeting of Awakening Together Trustees was held on 07/17/2017 at 5:30 MT. Attendees included Regina, Jacquelyn, Sonja, Ken, Carrie and Jay. Members not in attendance included: Gloria

Approval of minutes: 06/12/2017 minutes modified and approved.

Contemplation of quote: “Thought is so cunning, so clever, that it distorts everything for its own convenience.” – Jiddu Krishnamurti, Freedom from the Known

Unfinished business:

- A. **Election update:** RDA provided the results of the Trustee elections. Sixty-one members voted in our recent election to select two new members to serve on the Member Board of Trustees. The vote was very close this year. The 3-way tie that was announced just prior to the end of the election was broken by votes in the last 24 hours. Rev. Helen Avery and Doreen Bonnet were elected to the Member Board of Trustees. We are very excited to welcome Helen and Doreen to the Member Board of Trustees. Also, we want to say 'thank you' to Rev. David Hemphill, Connie Poole and George Maddox for their willingness to be nominees and to serve if elected. We were blessed to have five really good candidates for the Member Board of Trustees this year. Regina will follow up to make sure elected trustees accept their election to the Board and will follow up with training for the newly elected trustees.
- B. **Israel update:** Trustees discussed current price estimates and scholarships.
- C. **Update on Website Revision:** Bruce Rawles has not yet completed the revision, but he has promised to do so by September 1.
- D. **Update Minister's subcommittee:** The next Minister Association Subcommittee meeting is not scheduled until 7/20/17. Rev. Gloria will provide an update at that time.
- E. **Policy update:** Changes to Sanctuary policy tabled until after recommended changes have been reviewed by Leadership Subcommittee. Changes to Leadership and governance policy eliminating Sanctuary Administration Subcommittee and adding Minister Association Subcommittee as standing committees approved. Changes to go to board of directors for approval
- F. **VRBO Retreat proposals:** RDA shared several mini retreat proposals as a temporary option until retreat property can be purchased and which could also aid in raising funds

for retreat house. These types of retreats present several challenges in terms of staffing and proximity to volunteers. Trustees to contemplate how to make these retreats work.

G. **Silent Retreat with Nirmala:** RDA discussed this proposal with Nirmala who was unable to commit to a retreat at this time.

H. **Retreat House Update:** Approximately \$134,000 raised so far. Chair of the Retreat House Subcommittee, Lisa Hester, is visiting LaVeta Colorado area weekly to look at properties. There is some discussion of purchase of a starter home as a hedge against rising property prices in the area.

I. **Next meeting date: August 21.**

II. Adjournment

Jacquelyn Eckert

Acting Secretary

Date of approval