
Trustee Meeting Minutes

Call to order

A meeting of Awakening Together Trustees was held on 10/02/2017 at 5:30 MT. Attendees included Regina, Jacquelyn, Jay, Ken, Carrie, and Doreen. Members not in attendance included: Sonja, Gloria, Helen

Approval of minutes: 09/18/17 minutes approved

Contemplation of quote: My job is to get my field, my being, in direct alignment with God in direct alignment with my own divine nature; to get my field in the state of divine love; that in this moment anything that comes into or arises in my field will be brought in unconditionally. I will impose no conditions on anything to exist in this field. Anything that arises in this field will be accepted in as an equal: equal in value and potential and possibility to exist. Everything that comes into or arises in my field is free to express what it is, as it is, with no oppression or suppression. Everything that comes into or arises in my field will be brought in, in a state of unity and oneness with everything else. I will accept in this present moment whatever comes into or arises in my field. ~ Mary Reed

Business:

- A. **MPP as a mentor program** – The Trustees discussed a proposal to offer MPP as a mentor program if an ongoing MPP class is reduced to less than three students due to cancellations. The Trustees agreed that a mentor option supports committed MPP students if there are not enough students to continue a class. Regina will look at the Minister Ordination Policy to see if a change is required to the policy in order to support this decision. Additional ideas: Doreen suggested that we find ways to support current MPP students so that they remain interested and do not drop out of the program. One possibility suggested was to give students access to a mentor to support them as they go through the program. Jacquelyn suggested letting ordained ministers retake classes for free in order to increase class sizes, as needed.
- B. **Christmas hours** – The Trustees decided to close the Sanctuary after the Fellowship on Christmas Eve, 2017 and reopen on Tuesday, December 26. The Trustees also decided to close the Sanctuary on Wednesday, November 22, 2017, which is the day before Thanksgiving.
- C. **Update on Minister's Association** - See Attachment A to these minutes. Regina said she had previously committed to putting The Forum in the 2018 budget, but she hesitates to do that now because the draft 2018 budget already has a \$13,000 deficit. She said she would like to attend a meeting of the Minister's Association Subcommittee to learn more about their requirements and possibly brainstorm other ways to meet their needs. The Trustees approved an amendment to the Minister's Ordination Policy to permit "at least three" members on the Minister's Association Subcommittee so that Doreen can be added to the subcommittee as its fourth member.
- D. **Budget Shortfall** – The Trustees discussed the deficit in the proposed 2018 budget. An increase in staff salaries, a reduction in Fall Retreat registrations and a reduction in MPP registrations are the main causes of the deficit. The Trustees reviewed the AT Financial Policy. Once the 2018 Budget is approved, it will be shared with members so they are aware of the shortfall.

Next meeting Mon 10/16/17

Adjournment

Regina Dawn Akers
President-Minister

Date of approval

Attachment A

Minister's Association Meeting Minutes

Call to order

A meeting of Minister's Subcommittee was held on 09/28/17 at 4:00pm ET. Attendees included: Gloria, Helen and Deloris.

Unfinished business:

- A. **Minister's newsletter:** We voted and agreed on releasing a bimonthly newsletter. Helen will be Editor of newsletter. She is familiar with Mailchimp but would like to get some additional training from Regina. We agreed the first Minister's Newsletter will be released in December. Some things we would like to include are message from Regina (suggestion to have Regina submit a "President Minister note"). Minister service highlights, articles from ministers, Mystery minister schedule is open for 2018, welcome to new ministers, brief bio and photo after their ordination. We plan to show case Rev. Doreen Bonnet in first issue.
- B. **Minister's Corner:** Gloria will f/u with Regina about form that was suggested for possible use and will email to Helen and Deloris. Will correspond via email on the form to determine if it is something that will work for communicating with ministers via website.
- C. **Doreen Bonnet:** Added to minister roster. Doreen expressed interest in joining minister subcommittee at last AT Trustee meeting. Helen, Deloris and I agreed to add one more member to subcommittee. Gloria will send email to confirm that her information is accurate on the spreadsheet and will invite to next meeting. Gloria will also provide Doreen with Helen's email address and ask her to f/u so Helen can get information for "New minister's" section of the newsletter.
- D. **New email address:** Gloria confirmed that each member was able to access AT ministers Gmail mailbox. Will resend password details to Deloris. Discussion about lack of feedback from email sent to ministers about mentoring. Will plan to include details about mentoring in newsletter releases. Mentoring will be addressed on as needed basis. Helen will create a "group" list in email box and send email to all ministers letting them know we are preparing for our first newsletter release and will request feedback about service performed/permission to include in newsletter.
- E. **Next meeting:** Our next meeting is 11/21/17 at 6:00pm ET in the AT meeting room. We will review the rough draft of first newsletter for approval. Deloris and I will submit our articles for the first newsletter to Helen by 11/14/17. Helen will let us know how long article needs to be once she confirms the size of the template with Regina.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:15ET

Gloria Wells, Chairman