

Meeting Minutes

Call to order - A meeting of Awakening Together Trustees was held on 12/19/2016 at 5:30 MT. Attendees included Regina, Jacquelyn, Ken, Gloria, Carrie, Sonja and Jay. Members not in attendance included: Sonja

Approval of minutes: 12/05/16 approved

Contemplation of quote: Condemn none: If you can stretch out a helping hand, do so. If you cannot, fold your hands, bless your brothers, and let them go their own way. ~ Swami Vivekananda

Unfinished business:

A. Israel Pilgrimage Planning update: Regina confirmed dates for trip have been set. Sam Gorenshten (tour guide) has reserved the dates on his calendar. John Mark Stroud will be joining in on Israel trip. Alon Geva will be contacted for a possible satsang during visit.

B. Couples retreat update: Jacquelyn has reserved conference room/hotel space for couple's retreat, Joy of Relationship. John Mark has submitted the description for retreat. Dates for retreat April 26-April 30 2017.

C. Christmas program: Jay and Ken to work together to make sure Jay can open and close sanctuary for 30-minute Christmas program.

D. Dropbox changes: Effective September 1, 2017 AT will lose the ability to make recorded audios available publicly on website due to changes in Dropbox policy. Jay will find out if Blue Host is user friendly and good replacement for Dropbox. Jay will also find out if there is an easy way to move files from Dropbox to new file server. Jay will also find out if there is a search and replace function that will allow us to exchange data from old links.

E. Prison Ministry: Carrie discussed her experience with Heart to Heart, the current prison ministry she works with. She proposed AT officially establish a prison ministry. Regina suggested adding prison to Benevolence Program. Trustees to read document on starting prison ministry and discuss making changes to our benevolence policy to support the ministry.

F. 2018 retreat ideas: Plans to reach out to Adyashanti to see if he might be interested in 2019 retreat. Regina will follow up with him in January 2017.

G. Video of Regina's fall retreat: Regina discussed that a couple videotaped her presenting at the fall retreat. Jay motioned to authorize release of information for use for limited training. We will revote on this item at next meeting due to tie.