

Agenda for AT Team Meeting
2/24/14

- Approve 2/17 minutes
- Scholarship policy
- Communicating Events – Update
- The Forum
- Upcoming Online Satsangs
- Next Sunday's member meeting
- Opening discussion regarding 2015 Events
- Regina's March travel schedule

Waiting List:

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Attending: Jacquelyn Eckhart, Jay McCormick, Lyn Johnson, Nyki Dobson, David Hemphill, Tom Conway

Time Started: **[5:32] CT**

1. Read and Approved 2/16 Minutes

2. Scholarship Policy; Reached a consensus on the following:

- a. Decided that the policy would contain multiple procedures with the first procedure being about scholarships and the following procedures being about benevolent donations, emergency donations (etc.). The scholarship policy has turned into a benevolence policy.
 - i. Will ask the board of Directors if they wish to allot additional funds to benevolence aid or to use the 5% scholarship budget for benevolence.
- b. Decided traveling itineraries will only be required upon request.
- c. Decided that when all other factors are equal a person who has not received a scholarship within the last two years will be prioritized in selection over an applicant who has received a scholarship within the last two years.
- d. Decided to require the Scholarship Committee to meet at least 8 weeks prior to an event to decide upon applicants and then to schedule additional meetings as needed for selection.
- e. Class scholarships will only have a deadline that requires the applicants submit their application before registration for the class.
- f. Decided that all applicants will be notified as soon as their application is received and will be given a timeframe to know when to expect to hear back from us.
- g. Decided that all applicants will be notified of approval or rejection of their application as selection is decided.
- h. Noted that we will follow the IRS guidelines for Church Benevolence.
- i. The subcommittee must use a standardized application approved by the Member Board of Trustees:
 - i. How to decide Applicants (Application):
 1. Applications will inquire on the Monthly income and Monthly life-sustaining expenses the applicant has. This will be used to determine financial need and a catalog of qualifying expenses will be provided. Expenses include groceries, monthly debts (car, medical, loan), insurance payments.
 2. Applicants will be provided a text box in which they can write about any additional information they would like to share about their current financial situation that hasn't been covered in the first question.

3. All applicants must be 18 to qualify for scholarships that require travel.
 4. A note will be added to the application to remind the applicant that Awakening-Together will not be providing for their transportation.
 5. The applicant will be asked if they are applying for a full or partial scholarship, and if applying for a partial scholarship the applicant will be asked for what amount of aid they are applying for.
- j. Who should be on the scholarship committee?:
 - i. A committee of 3-5 members, including the chair will be formed. The chair for the committee will be selected by the member board and the chair will be authorized to select the members of the committee as outlined in our bylaws.
3. Blue Host:
 - a. Ready to set up the Members Forum.
 4. Communicating Events:
 - a. Several people have been contacted, The Abbey has responded agreeing to list the Choose-Again retreat on their website.
 - b. The video team is a success and the video is being prepared to show to the Board of Trustees for approval.
 5. March Satsang:
 - a. Bob Ferguson will be in the March satsang and will be interviewed by Lyn during Regina's traveling.
 6. April Satsang:
 - a. Timothy Conway has agreed to be in the April Satsang.
 7. Sunday Member Meeting:
 - a. Will be Announcing:
 - i. The Logo Contest
 - ii. Bob Ferguson as Satsang leader
 - iii. The forum will be announced if it has been implemented by then.
 8. Discussion of 2015 Events:
 - a. It has been requested the Member Board of Trustees have a greater role in selecting the Awakening-Together events than is currently outlined in our policies.
 9. Initiated a waiting list of P&Ps to append on the meeting agendas.
 10. Regina's Travel Schedule:
 - a. Regina will be gone March 7-18th leaving two meetings where Jaquelyn will be leading the meetings.

Meeting Adjourned at [6:15]MT

Waiting List for next Agenda:

1. Review or create policies to allow the Member Board of Trustees to have a greater role in selecting Awakening-Together events.
2. Ask the Board of Directors about budgeting additional funds for benevolence donations.