
Meeting Minutes

I. Call to order

A meeting of Awakening Together Trustees was held on 7/02/2018 at 5:45 MT. Attendees included Regina, Jacquelyn, Jay, Ken, Carrie and Doreen. Members not in attendance included: Helen and Sonja.

Approval of minutes: minutes from 06/04/18 approved

Contemplation of quote: “We have allowed ourselves very little space for not-knowing. Very seldom do we have the wisdom not-to-know, to lay the mind open to deeper understanding. When confusion occurs in the mind, we identify with it and say we are confused...Confusion arises because we fight against our not-knowing, which experiences each moment afresh without preconceptions or expectations.” — [Stephen Levine](#)

- A. Gloria’s Resignation from Trustees:** Gloria has announced her immediate resignation from the Member Board of Trustees. She has taken a new job and is unable to attend the Trustee meetings. Because the bylaws require all subcommittee chairs to be either a member of the Trustee Board or the Board of Directors, Gloria will also step down as chair of the Ministers Association Subcommittee. Regina asked whether another trustee would be willing to chair the subcommittee. None of the Trustees in attendance accepted that invitation. The appointment of a new chair was tabled until the next meeting.
- B. Validate Trustee Nominees:** Anne Blanchard, Carrie Christiansen, Kathy Smith and Meg Reinhart were nominated and supported for our upcoming Trustee election. Although our bylaws require that a nominee receive the support of 10% of the membership to be placed on the ballot, this has never happened in the history of Awakening Together Trustee elections. Therefore, consistent with the next election step as written in the bylaws, the Member Board of Trustees made its own nominations to the ballot. Each of the members nominated by the membership were nominated by decision of the members of the Member Board of Trustees to be placed on the ballot. The nominees will be contacted to confirm their acceptance of the nomination.
- C. Board of Director Nominees:** Barbara Deuurwaader has resigned from the Board of Directors. Hal Seely is considering resigning as well. Therefore, the Board will need to elect directors. Our bylaws give the Member Board of Trustees the opportunity to nominate directors. Regina made a motion to nominate Joanne Schneider as a director. Jay seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- D. Retreat House Update:** In last night’s member meeting, Regina shared information about a house we looked at in La Veta and our hope to make an offer on it as early as this week. We have raised \$263,000 in donations and commitments and plan to get a \$75,000 mortgage. We only need \$37,000 more in order to make an offer in a fiscally responsible way. She invited members to help by committing to a donation that they would pay when an offer on the property is accepted. Regina reported that a number of our members had sent commitment letters

Regina also reported that the house we decided to make an offer on in La Veta is owned by Ricky Tims and his partner, Justin. (Correction noted later: The house owned by Ricky’s partner,

Justin Shultz.) The house is for sale because Ricky and Justin completed their dream home in the mountains recently. However, their new home in the mountains may have been lost to the Spring Creek Fire. If so, they will stay in their home in La Veta. If that is the case, the home will no longer be available for us to purchase.

- E. New Platform update:** The members of the Platform Search Subcommittee individually reviewed four of the most promising platforms recommended by chair, Phil Frisk. It was determined that members needed a demonstration and an opportunity to ask questions of an informed representative from each potential platform prior to making any further decisions.
- F. Forum Update:** Jay and Jacquelyn reported that forum members will be able to post photographs on the forum. The developer informed us that we would not be able to make “pinned” posts without further programming. Jay and Jacquelyn continue to work on this project.
- G. Italy Update:** The trip is full. We have 32 members and friends who will go on the pilgrimage to Italy.
- H. July 4:** The sanctuary will be closed for the holiday.
- I. Grant Funding for Retreat House:** Carrie recommended that we pursue grant funding to purchase the retreat house. Regina noted that in the past, there were no grants available for capital projects (such as the purchase of property). Regina and Jacquelyn will look further at this issue.

Jacquelyn Eckert

Acting Secretary

Date of approval

