
Meeting Minutes

I. Call to order

A meeting of Awakening Together Trustees was held on 9/17/2018 at 5:45 MT. Attendees included Regina, Jacquelyn, Jay, Ken, Carrie, Anne, Kathy, Doreen and Helen. Meeting adjourned at 7.30pm MT.

Approval of minutes: minutes from 8/6/18 approved

Contemplation of quote:

“Listen with curiosity. Speak with honesty. Act with integrity. The greatest problem with communication is we don’t listen to understand. We listen to reply. When we listen with curiosity, we don’t listen with the intent to reply. We listen for what’s behind the words.” – **Roy T. Bennett, The Light in the Heart**

A. Welcome to New Trustees. Jacquelyn welcomes Anne and Kathy.

B. New Platform Update: Ken says Zoom has been selected to replace Paltalk. It has been used for the Leadership Subcommittee meeting and will be tested again tomorrow for Rebecca’s Gentle Healing year 1 class. While it does not have the same visitor controls as PalTalk, it is less susceptible to trolls/hecklers because access will be through a link on our website and thus, we won’t have the random visitors that run through Paltalk. After testing tomorrow the decision will be made to sign the contract with Zoom. Regina says transition out of Paltalk will be determined next Trustee meeting. Jay asks for us to use Zoom at next Trustee meeting if possible. Regina clarifies we have been told by the Board of Directors to replace Paltalk and there were four platforms tested – the only one of which met requirements was Zoom. A donor has set up a trust fund to cover the costs of Zoom. Regina confirms that we can have 10 meetings at the same time so there will be no conflict between the Sanctuary Programs and other classes. There will be a choice for presenters and attendees to use video or to have their video turned off.

C. Forum Update: Jacquelyn says Aggie Mitchkioski has joined the Forum Subcommittee. Jacquelyn is working on service and privacy policy, and the subcommittee has been working on the registration process and resolving glitches. Jacquelyn showed the forum page as it stands. Jay suggested reordering some of the subcategories. He also says he and Aggie are selecting

icons to be used. Jay points out that the forum should attract more visitors as it adds hundreds of pages of searchable content.

D. New Secretary: Helen says she will take minutes and Carrie and Doreen will fill in when she is unable to.

E. Update to Classes Policy: Jacquelyn proposes removing Procedure IV item C and changes to D to reflect no copyright agreement needed to be signed by facilitators teaching MPP classes in their home communities. The copyright restrictions will apply without the need for an additional signed agreement. Regina clarifies that courtesy copies are given only to facilitators if directly teaching in an AT class or in the case of Carrie's prison ministry, which was approved as an exception to the policy.

F. Ministers' Service: Regina proposes wording alteration to recently amended requirements for service to replace "attend AT gathering" with "maintaining contact with AT Teachings." This wording is less restrictive, meets legal requirements and also honors some ministers that predominantly serve by teaching outside of the Sanctuary but who also remain in contact with AT teachings and cannot attend the Sunday gathering due to other commitments. Regina will alter wording to be: "remain in a communal relationship with AT through services to the assembly or broader community on behalf of the assembly while maintaining contact with AT teachings". Motion approved. Carrie says that will be easy to check when monitoring service for the Ministers' Subcommittee

G. Ministers' Subcommittee Update: Carrie reports nothing to share at present but the subcommittee is meeting next week. Doreen says most ministers received updated emails this week regarding their service requirement. Ministers who serve on the Board of Directors and on the Member Board of Trustees and those who serve on subcommittees were not sent emails. Jacquelyn reminds that the subcommittee will manage the Ministers Corner on the forum.

H. Prayer Circle: Carrie proposes to stop prayer circle on air. Agreed and to be taken off schedule. Next meeting there will be more discussion about whether to continue to take prayer requests from members and friends and how to meet prayer requests that are submitted off air.

Helen Avery, Secretary
