Meeting Minutes

I. Call to order

A meeting of Awakening Together Trustees was held on 3/4/2019 at 5:45 MT. Attendees included Jacquelyn, Jay, Regina, Kathy, Doreen, Carrie, Anne, and Dawn. Meeting adjourned at 7.17pm MT.

Approval of minutes: All approved minutes from 2/4/19.

Contemplation of quote:

We must love one another as God loves each one of us. To be able to love, we need a clean heart. Prayer is what gives us a clean heart. The fruit of prayer is a deepening of faith and the fruit of faith is love. The fruit of love is service, which is compassion in action. – Mother Teresa

Important Business

A. Fixed Asset Policy Change

Regina presented policy changes requested by treasurer. Recommended change is that for an asset to be capitalized, the asset must have a cost or dollar value of $2,500 or more. For building improvements, the amount was increased to $5000 or more. Clarification of need for changes was given by Regina who stated that the amount of paperwork and effort required to record a capitalized expense, which includes recording depreciation on a defined schedule, was substantial.

B. Fall Retreat Update

Regina led a review of the format and pricing of both weeks of the Fall 2019 Retreat which were discussed at previous Board of Trustees Meetings. Regina also presented the webpages for the Fall Retreat.

<u>Kirtan Research</u> – Carrie reported that she had made inquiries but not heard back, but there are some in Colorado, one in Colorado Springs. Doesn't know cost yet, but it occurred to Carrie that we could offer a Kirtan in a venue in the local town of La Veta and invite the residents. Regina included an extra $25 per person built-into budget to pay for a Kirtan artist. The venue in La Veta would be the Mercantile. AT would pay for our guests out of the Fall Retreat Budget since an amount for Kirtan has been built into the budget. Carrie will let us know once she finds out more about prices. Carrie suggested Friday night as scheduled time, however schedule was setup by Regina for the retreat to end Saturday at 8:30 PM. Question was raised about willingness of the owner of the Merchantile to sponsor event that might be perceived as 'Hindu'. Regina will give presentation Thursday night at the 'Huerfano Soup'

fundraising event and if it goes well Regina may discuss this with owner. Request was made that no one else approach Emily, the owner of the Merchantile so Regina can frame the interaction appropriately. Carrie asked Anne about possibly inviting Yvette as the Kirtan singer, and offering retreat fee for her and assistant in exchange.

C. **Prayer Circle Training Udpate**
Doreen reviewed and presented the basics of the Prayer Training Manual she put together for the prayer course. It was requested that each member board trustee find time sometime over the next month to read over the manual. Will be discussed at our next meeting. Regina will send out email to all ministers when the specifics of the training have been determined.

D. **Minister Association Update:**
Any Minsters Due for Service? Regina reminded the members of the subcommittee that they should prepare a list of ministers due for service and bring that list to the Trustee Meetings so that they could be contacted when a reader is needed for the Sunday Gathering.

Carrie commented that their communication with the ministers is "not working" in the sense that the ministers are not reading the newsletters or other emails. Discussion about possibly discontinuing the newsletter email format and sending topic specific emails and/or publishing the content on the forum. The Ministers' Association Subcommittee would like to make forum membership a part of the requirements for ministers. Regina stated that such requirements by the subcommittee were reasonable as the Minister's Oath states that the ministers will join (and presumably adhere to the guidelines of) the Ministers' Association. Regina will send an email noting the requirement to join the forum.

Next meeting will be Monday 1st of April 2019.

Jay McCormick

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Acting Secretary   Date of approval