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# Meeting Minutes

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## I. Call to order

A meeting of Awakening Together Trustees was held on 7/1/2019 at 5:45pm MT. Attendees included Jacquelyn, Jay, Regina, Kathy, Doreen, Dawn and Anne. Helen and Carrie were absent. Meeting adjourned at 7:18pm MT.

**Approval of minutes:** All approved minutes from 6/3/19.

### **Contemplation of quote:**

“You can practice silence in listening to one another. You do so by being careful not to bring preordained thoughts, but to listen with an openness to what is that is coming to you from your brother. You can practice your silence as you try to communicate with another. You can do that as a suggestion, by trying not to rehearse or formulate ahead of time what YOU will say or do. Simply let your message flow out of the innermost depths of your being. For then it will be in touch with your silence.” ~ Brent Haskell, The Other Voice

## **Important Business**

### **A. PTO (Paid Time Off) Policy**

Regina discussed that AT is now at a stage where a formal PTO policy is necessary. Reviewed and approved the proposed PTO policy for AT staff.

### **B. Forum Business**

Jacquelyn presented a revised AT Forum policy based off changes and discussions from last trustee meeting. The revised policy was reviewed and approved.

### **C. Offer New MPP Format via Forum?**

Regina introduced the idea of offering MPP using a Forum format. The idea came from observing Jasmine taking an online college course. In the MPP format, participants would submit homework online in the forum and the facilitator would respond and/or indicate reading the homework in a similar way Regina monitors the current Gentle Healing Year 3 class. Supporting ideas were offered such as pairing people with each other. Pros and cons were also discussed such as this format might attract people whose schedules don't permit them to take the Zoom classes. Also, the sense of personal connection among participants may be lost with the forum format. The idea will continue to be explored.

### **D. Minister Assoc Update**

Doreen announced that only a few ministers had responded to Regina's letter about

entering their own service via Google form on the AT Form. The ministers' subcommittee will be addressing this during their next meeting. There was brief discussions about what constitutes service based on questions received from ministers and what was submitted as service.

#### **E. Trustee Election Update**

Regina indicated that the race was very close. Those who listened to the Special Member meeting was very impressed with the candidates' sharing.

#### **F. Member Database Update**

We currently have 371 AT members. Every three years, AT asks members if they want to remain members. That letter will be sent **in July**.

#### **G. Fall Retreat Update**

Regina mentioned that we had no new registrations in the last two months and that there are more free participants than paid participants. Anne shared that Jackie Greggs will be doing Kirtan at the retreat. Kathy mentioned that the scholarship committee unanimously awarded one scholarship at \$725 for 2 weeks of the retreat.

Next meeting will be Monday 5 August 2019.

Doreen Bonnet

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Acting Secretary

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Date of approval