

I. Call to Order

A meeting of Awakening-Together trustees was held on 1/6/2020 at 5:45 pm MT. Attendees included Jacquelyn, Regina, Kathy, Jay, Dawn, George, and Ann. Aggie also attended for the portion of business she wished to address. Absent were Doreen and Helen.

Approval of minutes: Unanimous approval of meeting minutes from 12/02/2019

Contemplation of centering quote: "Your assumptions are your windows on the world. Scrub them off every once in a while, or the light won't come in." - Isaac Asimov

II. Important Business

A. Placement of Forum on website

Aggie expressed that the new A-T Forum has not taken off as she had hoped. She asked if our headline, or navigational setting on the A-T website, could list a Forum title for greater visibility and easy access to the Forum's contents.

Regina was able to incorporate the Forum title as another heading during this discussion, and a motion to approve this new addition was unanimously agreed upon.

Aggie will be invited back to another trustee meeting for further discussion of other possibilities to increase participation and use of the Forum.

Aggie will monitor if the new visibility of the Forum on our A-T landing page spurs more interest and participation.

B. Update on Special Board Meeting

On 1/5/2020 at the Special Board meeting, the title description - Founding Minister – was approved as Regina's new title. She will officially step down from duties as President Minister on March 31, 2020. She will continue on in a Founding Minister role. Jacquelyn will take over the President Minister position on April 1, 2020.

The Board of Directors also approved Joanne Schneider as our new Chairman of the Board, replacing the vacancy left with the passing of Hal Seeley, our former Chairman of the Board.

C. Ministers Association

This business was tabled until our next meeting, as Doreen was unable to attend this meeting.

D. Ideas for the first week of the September 2020 Fall Retreat

It was quickly agreed upon that The Freedom from the Ego retreat will be offered as participants at that retreat in November felt the retreat was foundational and transformative, but renamed to

reflect what is actually being offered to retreat participants. The retreat will be renamed, "Keys to the Kingdom: the Ultimate Guide to Freedom". It will be the first-week curriculum for the fall retreat.

A second-week New Mexico pilgrimage will follow.

Regina moved to approve this proposal to offer this retreat the first week of the Annual Fall Retreat, and Jacquelyn seconded that motion. The motion was passed with all consenting.

Updates:

A. 2020 New Mexico Pilgrimage

Regina basically had nothing new to report as of this meeting. She is looking into meal options and hopes to finalize the NM portion of the Fall Retreat sometime in March.

B. Minister Association - anyone need service?

No present activity reported.
No one is due for service for the next two months.

C. Satsang Subcommittee Update

At present, there is no guest officially on board for January.
Bill Free is scheduled in March.
Invitations to various speakers have been extended.

Ann said Bhante Wimala is available and willing, but because of his schedule, it could be a taped interview. She asked if there was a preference around 'live' or taped.

It was mentioned that a possibility for the January Satsang could be Rev. Shawna Summer's request to interview Laura Bedford; this could be inserted in the January vacancy.

D. MPP via the Forum

Regina is predicting more progress for this project when her responsibilities as President Minister are relinquished; freeing up more time for MPP forum development, as well as spiritual book writing and retreats.

Our next trustee meeting will be February 3, 2020

Meeting was adjourned @ 7:15 pm MT

Kathy Smith