

Meeting Minutes 11/11/2019

I. Call to order

A meeting of Awakening Together trustees was held on 11/11/19 at 5:45pm MT. Attendees included Regina, Jacquelyn, Jay, Kathy, Dawn, Anne, George and Doreen. Helen was unable to attend.

Approval of minutes: Everyone approved minutes from 10/7/19.

Contemplation of quote: "There is joy in transcending yourself to serve others." ~ Mother Teresa

II. Important Business

A. Debrief board meeting

Regina shared with board:

- a. A better financial position in Q3 than Q2 final reports. Q3 income coming from donations and fall retreat.
She reported \$400 a month is coming in now from sustaining subscriber donations.
- b. The new retreat schedule was shared.
The proposed New Mexico pilgrimage approved by the Board.
- c. The budget proposal was approved except for the April 1 role changes, which were set aside. (See below).
- d. The updated Benevolence Policy was approved.
- e. Staffing :

April 1 is the targeted date for Regina to step down as President-Minister. Jacquelyn would then become President-Minister. Regina would take on an Advising Minister role. That proposal and the proposed job descriptions for Advising Minister and President-Minister were set aside until a special board meeting scheduled for December 1. They have not been approved yet.

B. Memorial Service for Hal Seeley

Chairman of the Board, Rev. Hal Seeley, passed away on Saturday, November 9. Regina announced a memorial service on Sunday, November 17, following the Weekly Gathering.

C. Chair Person for Minister's Association needed

Doreen wondered if a ministerial subcommittee is necessary; have we over-complicated this? The key role is monitoring ministers' service.

Regina explained that state laws in most states require a communal relationship with ministers and the church. Awakening Together requires once-a-year service from ministers. The ministers association has been re-organized before. Regina suggested going over the policy again.

The ministers that are due for service are:

Nikki Dobson (October 14, 2018) last service date
Sandy Ruiz (May) - Regina will contact

Doreen has volunteered to temporarily monitor upcoming ministerial service dates.

The issue of a chair-person for the ministers association will need follow-up, and remains unresolved.

D. 2020 NM Pilgrimage

The cost and charge for the proposed New Mexico retreat is yet to be determined. Regina shared information regarding some of the quotes she has received from NM hotels and retreat centers so far. A price list for the NM retreat will be forthcoming.

III. Updates

A. Forum Business

a. We are shifting to a new platform for the forum - wordpress plug-in, based on our existing website. Generous Jay will donate \$400, which is the cost to migrate all information to the new platform.

The new forum allows for private groups, (like MPP), at a cost of \$17.50 per year. Jacquelyn will follow up with the process.

The timing of the data migration will be conveyed before the change happens, so everyone is aware. Announcements on our daily updates, and in the sanctuary will be forthcoming on the change.

b. MPP forum: Regina has completed the first 5 videos. There are six more to be completed. She has re-written the True Discernment facilitator guide and workbook. The fall retreat is over, and a December retreat requires Regina's immediate time and attention. Regina will hopefully work on the True Discernment portion of MPP for the forum in Q1- 2020, after

the December retreat. Regina said it will take about a full year for the MPP forum to be up and running.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 MT.

Kathy Smith

Acting Secretary Date of approval