

Rio Grande Center for Spiritual Living Board Meeting Minutes

Date: June 17, 2024

Time: 5:00 – 6:30 PM MST

- Clarity, Consensus and Commitment

Call to Order – Mark Ayers

In Attendance: Mark Ayers, Sherry Noone, Yvette Trujillo, Rev. Gil Olmstead, Michael McPherson

Invocation – Rev. Gil

Vision/Mission Statements – All

- Vision: Transforming Our World with the Power of Love in Action.
- Mission: Loving All Creation Through Spiritual Growth and Service; Always Staying True to Our Highest Self

Acknowledgement of Guests – None in attendance

Approval of Minutes from May Board Meeting – Motion to Approve: Sherry Noone. Seconded; Mark Ayers. Motion Carried with CCC

“Abundance Project” Study – Due to the lengthy agenda and upcoming class, discussion was tabled for this meeting. Rev. Gil stated the themes of Chapter 3: Giving Out; Giving Away; Giving Up; Giving In; Giving Thanks; Giving to Yourself; and For-Giving.

Discussion Items

1. Treasurer’s Report – General Discussion

Treasurer’s Report “CCC” tabled. The video was not shown at the Sunday 6/16 service due to a miscommunication. There is a \$3000/month shortfall, and it is felt that a sense of urgency should be communicated. **It was decided that the stewardship committee should decide the frequency and format of financial reporting to our congregants.**

- a. May summary
- b. Where do we stand? Any actions we need to take?
- c. Board Minute Review – 6/23 Sherry; 6/30 Mark. At that point we will reassess.

- d. Monthly report for Newsletter
- e. Solid Ground finances – **We need a line item to reflect Solid Ground income/expenses.** Income for the first SG was approximately \$850. Expenses – not yet available. Discussion: **split between RGCSL and SG will be determined by the stewardship committee.**

Other action items: finalize fee schedule for musicians, when they start to be paid

Discuss Susan's heavy role in SG and the possible impact on her future compensation. Gil will converse with Susan.

Food: much that was purchased was non-perishable; 80% of it remains. Coffee was donated.

2. Spiritual Director Report – Rev. Gil Olmstead

- a. Lease Letter Update – Board reviewed the draft Lease Letter. No revisions noted. Motion to approve: Sherry; Seconded, Yvette. CCC; motion carried.
- b. Classes - Roots Team of 3, Holmes Papers – Roots class in process. Holmes papers – Martha possibly. Marylyn Kirk has stepped down due to health and Marilyn O'Leary is beginning to step in.

The Abundance Project book study for all RGCSL members and attendees will meet via Zoom on Monday from 7-7:30 PM and Thursday 8:30-9 AM beginning next week.

- c. Solid Grounds – Attendance was approximately 110.
- d. Tech Team – we need more volunteers. There are only two and at least a third is needed.
- e. Chapala Conference of the Americas - 08/01- 08/10 – Robyn and Gil will be attending/presenting. Conference takes place in Mexico, sponsored by South America CSL. Cost is approximately \$700.

3. Board President Report – Mark Ayers

- a. Personnel Committee – will meet in September. **Mark will send Yvette data from last year.**
- b. Board Minute:
 - 6/23: Sherry
 - 7/14: Mark
 - 7/28:

Additional Board members needed. Mark will extend to a full term. Yvette is on a one-year term. Candidates are needed to present for a vote to the October General

meeting. A search committee composed of Rev. Gil & Sherry Noone will find two candidates each. Greater diversity is needed as much as possible.

4. Vice President's Report – Yvette Trujillo
 - a. Discussion/Plan If Budget Shortfalls Continue – Ongoing discussion
5. Fundraising – Brainstorm. Add this topic to the July Agenda.
6. Next Board Meeting – Tuesday, July 16, 2024, 5:00 - 6:30 PM tentatively. Sherry will email Johanna re: her availability.

Benediction – Rev. Gil

Addendum:

The Board Minute will not be presented in June.

The RGCSL Board provisionally approves a 70/30 split with Solid Grounds (70%)/ RGCSL (30%) on weekly proceeds after expenses until the July Board meeting. Additionally, the RGCSL Board requests that the Solid Grounds Organizing Committee present a budget at the July Board meeting that incorporates expenses and income beyond the time when services and materials are donated (musician fees, coordinator reimbursement, etc.). Solid Grounds' 70% income will be maintained as a separate line in the RGCSL bank accounts.

Passed unanimously. 6/18/2024

Submitted by: Sherry Noone