

## Rio Grande Center for Spiritual Living

### Board Meeting

**Date:** November 12, 2023     **Time:** 5:03 – 6:34 p.m.

Clarity, Consensus and Commitment

Board members present: Mark Ayers, Doug Bowe, Hana Dawson, John Kirk, Michael McPherson, Sherry Noone, Tamara Williams, Rev. Gil

Guests: Greg Gardner, Johanna van Gelder, Linda Bowe, Yvette Trujillo, Hilda Kirschner

Call to Order – Mark Ayers

Invocation – Yvette

Vision/Mission/Motivational 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
- To create a world class, leading edge, replicable, cultural model to spread Science of Mind on a foundation of love, freedom and truth that stands the span of time.

Acknowledgement of Guests – All

Approval of Minutes from October – All

Discussion Items

1. Financial Report – John Kirk
  - a. John went through the financials and discussed the numerous items he had circled that need to be corrected. He said donations are \$53,457 less than budgeted, which is alarming. He suggested creating an appeal letter to those who had pledged but haven't followed through on their donations. The Board approved the financials with corrections with clarity, consensus and commitment.
2. Spiritual Director Report – Rev. Gil Olmstead
  - a. Community Retreat – The retreat was wonderful. Some people couldn't come but it all worked out.
  - b. On Saturday, February 10, Charles Holt will present a concert and a workshop. On Sunday, he will do a talk. He's an incredible musician and speaker.
  - c. Rev. Gil is working on the annual letter to donors.
  - d. Sherry is collecting ideas for 30-minute workshop. If you have ideas for topics, please discuss with her.

3. Vice President Report – Hana Dawson
  - a. The final Board Election will be on Sunday, December 10 to ratify Mark Ayers for another 3-year term.
  - b. She is putting together a group to discuss the Hefferlin grant.
  - c. She's still working on training and support for the camera and streaming. Sheryl Rae and Mike Hacker are doing a great job on the Sound Board.
4. Marketing Communications Report – Tamara Williams

Progress is slow but steady. The priorities are revising the logo so that it conforms with CSL guidelines; a new brochure for the Center; revising the practitioner brochure, and the website.
5. President's Report – Mark Ayers
  - a. Bob Kermott submitted a Letter of Resignation to the Board. Rev. Gil and Mark will meet with him and clarify things with him.
  - b. Mark said that success in fundraising is critical. He transferred \$1000 in savings to checking account, with approval from Hana and Tamara. Mark and Nancy are working on a budget and will have it finished before the next Board meeting. The Budget Committee consists of Mark, John, Rev. Gil, Nancy and Johanna.
  - c. Mark said that December is usually a very generous month for RGCSL and we hope the Join In partnership will really help. He may ask Board members to call people to ask them to please contribute.
  - e. Updates were given by Mark and Rev. Gil for the Space Team, Strategic Vision Team, Core Council, the Safety Committee and the Annual Report.
6. Mike and Hilda discussed the Soup, Salad, SWAG and Song Holiday Fundraiser. There's a lot of activity. Volunteers are needed, and quite a few donations have come in.

Next Board Meeting – Sunday, December 10, 2023

Benediction – Rev. Gil