

**Rio Grande Center for Spiritual Living
Board Meeting Minutes**

Date: March 24, 2024 **Time:** 4:30 – 6:00 PM MST

Clarity, Consensus and Commitment

Revised March 29, 2024

Board Members Present: Rev. Gil Olmstead, John Kirk, Johanna Van Gelder, Sherry Noone, Yvette Trujillo, Greg Gardner, Michael McPherson, Mark Ayers

Call to Order – Yvette Trujillo 4:32 PM.

Invocation – Greg Gardner

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 – Sue Klump will join as needed.

Approval of Minutes from February Board Meeting – Motion to approve: John Kirk. Second: Johanna Van Gelder. Board: CCC. Motion carried.

Discussion Items

1. Treasurer's Report - Johanna Van Gelder
 - a. February summary - P & L for February, 2024 was distributed in advance of the Board meeting. Shortfalls and workarounds were discussed.
 - b. Approval of 2024 Budget - Three line items were increased from 2023: Other Donations; Facility Rental Income; and Fundraising Events. All three are actively being examined. In response to a question from John, our EIDL loan terms were clarified. We will pay \$25/month for the next six months, which can be extended for up to two years. Our regular payment is \$85/month for 30 years. As was originally thought, an initial payment of \$1500 to place us in good standing is not required.
 - i. Other Donations – Johanna noted that if 75 members increased their weekly tithe by \$5 (One Starbucks a week), that will cover 2024's needs.
Revision per Johanna: If 75 members donate an extra \$5/week, this will bring in \$18,000, which will not cover the increase in 2024 budgeted donations/fundraising, but is a positive step.

- ii. Facility Rental Income – the Sacred Celebrations team is finalizing rental agreement forms and contracts, necessary to renting the Facility regularly for events
- iii. Fundraising Events – were discussed in terms of small, regular, fun events. The idea of a “block party” yard sale was discussed for a small, fun, fundraiser. Other ideas included a fee-based hike, other small events involving a small entry fee.

Action items:

A Community meeting, in person and on Zoom will be held Tuesday, April 9th, 6:30 - 7:45 PM. to provide an update.

The agenda will be finalized on Monday by Gil, Mark, Johanna and Yvette.

Mark will place this in the newsletter and it will be announced from the podium each Sunday.

Sherry Noone will experiment with Breeze autopay by increasing her tithe by \$5/week and seeing whether it is successful.

Johanna will provide financials for the newsletter on a regular basis after the April 9th Community meeting.

Sheryl Rae has agreed to work the sound board at the event.

- c. Outstanding payments and accounts - Yvette, Johanna, Gil and Nancy Bowers are meeting weekly to cover income/expenses.
 - d. Proposal for quarterly giving reports to all pledge donors – A given summary letter will be sent to JoinIn members. It will include a teaching, an affirmation, and/or offer of assistance.
 - e. Motions
 - i. Motion to approve 2024 budget Sherry Noone Seconded by Mark Ayers. Board: CCC Motion carried.
 - ii. Motion to approve Financials: John Kirk. Seconded by Yvette Trujullo. Board: CCC Motion carried.
2. Spiritual Director Report – Rev. Gil Olmstead
- a. Update on Unity Co-Sharing - very positive reports. Gill is meeting with Unity on a regular basis.
 - b. Lease Update – Maria Dion is chairing a committee to update our lease. Burger Briggs Commercial Real Estate are represented on the committee. Gil will attend meetings also.
 - c. Tech Safety – The ladder has been moved.
 - d. Tech Money – This account needs to be reimbursed. Then the project can proceed. A project plan including all projected costs is needed. Sherry volunteered to create one.
 - e. Solid Grounds – This event needs to move out from their present location. Gil is pursuing

- f. Spiritual Foundation for the Board - The Abundance Project. All are enthusiastic about reading/studying this work. This will start with the Intro and Chapter 1 at the next Board. Practitioners will be involved as well.
 - i. Motion to include the Project for the first 15 minutes of each Board: Yvette Trujillo. Seconded by John Kirk. Board: CCC. Motion Carried.
 - ii. . Rev Patrick Memorial - Remaining liability is about \$100 to be paid to our tech etc.
 - g. Upcoming funding possibilities - the 21 Day Cleanse will be rescheduled for next year.
3. Vice President's Report – Yvette Trujillo
- a. Events - The Sacred Celebrations Team is close to have forms & contracts completed. A question has arisen – who evaluates these for feasibility, completeness etc.? Yvette Trujillo and Belinda Hoschar are forming a team to optimize the process of event logistics. This team, Beloved Community Expressing, will perform the task. It is planned that Sacred Celebrations will then have what it needs for a smooth implementation.
4. Next Board Meeting – April 21, 2024, 4:30 PM - 6:15 PM

Benediction – Gil William Olmstead