

Rio Grande Center for Spiritual Living
Board Meeting Minutes

Date: April 21, 2024 **Time:** 4:30 – 6:00 PM MST

Clarity, Consensus and Commitment

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

Call to Order – Mark Ayers 4:35 PM.

Invocation – Greg Gardner

Vision/Mission Statements – All , read by Mark Ayers

- 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 and New Members – No guests/new members

Approval of Minutes from March Board Meeting – Motion to approve: Rev. Gil Olmstead.
Second: Johanna Van Gelder. Board: CCC. Motion carried.

The Abundance Project: Gil

We, as a Board of Trustees, will tap into Source and hold the space of Abundance in our community for this next month. We will read Chapter 2 for discussion at the next Board meeting.

Discussion Items

1. Treasurer's Report - Johanna Van Gelder
 - a. March Summary – Johanna presented P & L and Balance Sheet for Year-to-Date and month end for March, 2024. She also provided a Budget vs Actual Excel Report, which was discussed at length. Fundraising events, workshops and “other donations” are items that need close attention due to an increase in their budget forecast for 2024.
 - b. Approve Stewardship Committee – The committee, consisting of Joanna, Gil, Mark, Yvette and Nancy, meets weekly to review financial obligations and payments, and reports back to the Board monthly. This has been a successful approach: Johanna moved that this become a standing committee until and

unless the committee is no longer needed. Motion to approve: Johanna Van Gelder. Second: Sherry Noone Board: CCC. Motion carried.

- c. Easter Appeal – Results will appear in the April Summary.
- d. Community Meeting – The town hall was fairly well attended: 15 in person and 17 online. Feedback to Rev. Gil indicated the community was appreciative and would like regular communication on a timely basis. It is our continuing obligation as a Board to communicate, so a Town Hall will be scheduled onto the Master Calendar quarterly, beginning in May. It is felt that the message to give as a spiritual practice was well delivered and was heard by the community.
- e. Paid to Date – Most outstanding invoices have been caught up: Hana, Rev. Kamatara, the practitioner retreat, and the monthly tithe. We have also begun to build up savings.
- f. Motion to approve financials: Moved – Johanna. Seconded by Gil. Board: CCC. Motion Carried.

g. Action Items:

Sherry Noone determined that Breeze autopay can be adjusted without error or difficulty.

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

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.

Quarterly Town Hall will be placed on May Calendar (Mark) with Gil to provide newsletter announcements when meeting is scheduled.

2. Spiritual Director Report – Rev. Gil Olmstead

- a. Update on Unity Co-Sharing – Unity and RGCSL continue to collaborate well. Future meetings are scheduled to maintain this positive rapport. Unity supports our Solid Ground undertaking.
- b. Community Expressing – This team, composed of Yvette, Belinda, and Sherry (acting as liaison to Sacred Celebrations), has formed to manage the event proposal process. It helps those wishing to offer an event/workshop, etc. by facilitating the request process.
- c. 21-Day Cleanse/Clothing Exchange – the 21 Day Cleanse has had its first of three workshop sessions, with a 4th day in the planning. The Clothing Exchange is set for May 4th.
- d. Marylyn and Gil attended a workshop on Breeze and are working to improve its utility.
- e. 505WVC – The Hug-A-Buddies were delivered yesterday. The next project will involve working at the Food Bank. Mark mentioned that a Blood Drive this fall is under consideration.

3. Board President Report – Mark Ayers

- a. Work Day/Safety – This is planned for early June. An appeal will be put into the newsletter for helpers to do some general clean up at the Center. For Safety type cleanup, Bob Duvall plus two others will handle.

- b. Personnel Committee – A September report is needed, to reset the timeline to correspond better with Gil's anniversary (August 1st). Composition of the Committee will consist of Mark, Sherry, Doug, and Johanna for financial visibility/alignment.
- 4. Joint RGCSL/Unity Tech Team – Sherry Noone
 - a. Sherry has spoken with some individuals involved in the redesign/implementation of the new system. There is no clear consensus of what physical changes have been decided upon to the Tech/Sound area. Any plan for this project begins with deciding what materials: what (lumber, paint, wiring, other hardware). and quantity of each. Gil and Sherry will meet to get clarity.
- 5. Next Board Meeting – Saturday, May 18th, 4:00 PM MDT.

Benediction – Gil William Olmstead

Submitted by Sherry Noone