

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

Date: May 18, 2024 **Time:** 4:00 – 5:30 PM MST

- Clarity, Consensus and Commitment

Board Members Present – Johanna Van Gelder, Gil Olmstead, Mark Ayers, Sherry Noone, Mike McPherson

Call to Order – Mark Ayers

Invocation – Johanna Van Gelder

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 – No guests

Approval of Minutes from April Board Meeting – Motion to Approve: Mark Ayers Seconded: Johanna Van Gelder. Board: CCC Motion Carried.

“Abundance Project” Study – Board discussion of Chapter 2. Gil raised the issue that this book challenges our “Change your Thinking, Change your Life” training. A “metathinker” thinks about what he/she is thinking and this is the place to start the creative process. Johanna pointed out that SOM is more about feeling than thinking. We must expand in the face of contraction, opening to possibilities. All agreed that the Law of Attraction is a steppingstone to create abundance. Chapter 3 will be discussed next month.

Discussion Items

1. Treasurer’s Report - Johanna Van Gelder
 - a. April summary – Johanna led a discussion of the April reports. As usual, her presentation was detailed and thorough. April income allowed us to catch up on some of our outstanding shortages.
 - b. Where do we stand? We are about \$1100/month short.
 - c. Mark will do a “Board Minute” message Sunday.
 - d. Monthly report for Newsletter - We are getting close to producing a monthly report in the newsletter.
 - e. Gil and Johanna are working on a letter to send to RGCSL partners.
 - f. Mark stated for the minutes that we are blessed to have Johanna’s dedication to this task of Treasurer.

2. Spiritual Director Report – Rev. Gil Olmstead
 - a. Reflection on How We Are Doing
 - b. Lease Letter (Needs Board Approval) – Maria Dion and Berger & Briggs have created a non binding letter of intent for our future 3 year lease renewal:
 - \$5635/month year 1
 - \$5804/month year 2
 - \$5978/month year 3
 - With the option to renew.
 - Two improvements are requested – a ramp at the front door and a breaker bar at the back.

Letter stipulates a May 31th deadline for agreement.

Motion to approve the general content of the letter: Mark Ayers

Seconded: Michael McPherson Board: CCC. Motion carried.

- c. Classes – Gil reported that the class was fun and good.

Income is unknown at this point.

- d. Solid Grounds – First night June 14th. There is a “buzz” about it as far away as Michigan! Performers are gratis at the moment. The stewardship committee will discuss how to build an income “bank account” to support Solid Grounds, when to pay performers, etc., and how to balance income to the Center.

- e. Tech Team – no update

3. Board President Report – Mark Ayers – will begin in August and will include Marilyn O’Leary, Johanna Van Gelder, Gil Olmstead, Mark Ayers and Sherry Noone.

- a. Personnel Committee – will begin in August and will include Marilyn O’Leary, Johanna Van Gelder, Gil Olmstead, Mark Ayers and Sherry Noone.

- b. Board Minute:

- 5/19: Mark

- 6/9: Yvette (tentatively)

- 6/23: Sherry

- c. RGCSL Safety/ Work Day – Saturday, June 8th 9:00 - noon

4. Vice President’s Report – no update

5. New Business

6. Next Board Meeting – Monday, June 17, 2024, 5:00 – 6:30 PM

Benediction – Johanna Van Gelder

Submitted by: Sherry Noone