

## Rio Grande Center for Spiritual Living Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** July 7, 2024

**Time:** 5:00 – 6:30 PM MST

- Clarity, Consensus and Commitment

Call to Order – Mark Ayers, 5:02 PM

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

Invocation – Johanna Van Gelder

Vision/Mission Statements – Sherry Noone

- 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 – Robyn Olmstead

“Abundance Project” Study – From Chapter 2, We are the Source of our lives, and are provided for at every moment.

Approval of Minutes from May Board Meeting – Motion to Approve: Mark Ayers, Seconded: Yvette Trujillo. Motion Carried – CCC.

Discussion Items

1. Treasurer’s Report - Johanna
  - a. June summary – We have paid all our bills this month. January – June actual income was less than budgeted. Johanna’s notes explained any differences.
  - b. Where do we stand? Any actions we need to take? – Continue to encourage membership, particularly auto withdrawal.
  - c. Monthly report for Newsletter – Johanna will help Nancy post budget vs actuals on the website.
  - d. Stewardship Committee - How do we plan to address July income flow and expenses?
  
2. Spiritual Director Report – Rev. Gil
  - a. Lease Renewal Update – In conjunction with the proposal we sent the landlord, we did a walk through of the facility. Our agent, Jim, has not received any response as yet.
  - b. 505 YVC + motion – Mark and Rev. Gil have sponsored this effort, and Mark Ayers placed the following motion into the agenda.

The RGCSL Board approves sponsorship of the 505 YVC, which will be in service to RGCSL and the broader ABQ community. Additionally, 505 YVC will operate financially under the RGCSL nonprofit umbrella in the collection and disbursement of funds as directed by the RGCSL Treasurer. Motion: Rev Gil; Seconded: Johanna. Motion Carried - CCC.

Projects scheduled are:

- One with Presbyterian of Placitas
- Food Bank date
- Solid Grounds volunteerism one week

There will be a line item in our budget, populated with 505's funds

- c. Solid Grounds update - Robyn Olmstead  
Robyn provided a detailed description of the Solid Grounds Café' experience, with proposed budget included. Income sources, in addition to donations, were merchandise sales, grants, and community support. For grants, the New Mexico Humanities Council is being actively explored. Partnering with NM Humanities Council for other events is also possible.
  - d. Solid Grounds finances - motion on how to handle going forward  
Musicians are unpaid through August, per agreement. Beginning in September, some split with the musicians is anticipated. August Board Meeting will finalize. Motion: To continue existing 70-30 split, Solid Grounds/RGCSL until August Board Meeting. Motion to approve: Mark; Seconded: Johanna. Motion Carried - CCC.
  - e. Tech Team – no update
  - f. Chapala Conference - 08/01- 08/10 – Rev. Gil and Robyn will be attending; Rev. Gil will speak there. Cost of conference, including housing and meals is around \$700.
3. Board President Report – Mark Ayers
- a. Personnel Committee – Committee this year will include Johanna, since last year it was discovered that there were financial implications involved. The 2024 committee will consist this year of Mark, Sherry and Johanna. Schedule for annual Personnel Committee actions: Questions for Rev. Gil will be designed the beginning of August; Rev. Gil will answer in mid-late August. In September the Board will be briefed in Executive Session.
  - b. Website Redesign: The RGCSL Board applauds the efforts and research completed by Tamara Williams in regard to website redesign. Furthermore, the Board approves the proposal submitted by Tamara for the new website design, totaling \$1,055, to be supported by private donations from community members. Lastly, the Board requests periodic updates from the Website Redesign Team. Motion to Approve Website Redesign at a cost of \$1055 to be supported by private donations: Mark. Seconded; Sherry. Motion carried – CCC.

- c. Process to make nimble Board decisions going forward – At least 24 hours consideration needed to discuss/approve Board decisions. Accordingly, quick Board actions will be handled in a Stewardship Committee meeting, expanded in number to include the rest of the Board. Motion to approve Board decision making in the Stewardship Committee when required: Johanna. Seconded: Rev. Gil. Motion carried – CCC.
  - d. Board Minute:
    - 7/14: Sherry
    - 7/28: Mark
4. Vice President's Report – Yvette Trujillo
- a. Serving as President 8/1 - 8/31/24
  - b. Partners Campaign 24-25 – Belinda will calendar Campaign dates.
  - c. Other business
5. Fundraising - Brainstorm.
- a. Gumbo Night - Fall 2024 – Friday eve before Solid Grounds.
  - b. Quilt raffle
  - c. Larger fundraisers quarterly
  - d. Another gala
6. Board Recruitment- Sherry Noone & Rev. Gil - A committee has been formed to create a slate of Board nominees for 2025 and beyond. Sherry, Rev. Gil, Maria Dion, Sheryl Rae and Barbara Dawson make up this committee. The first meeting (of 3) is set for July 16<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm.
7. Next Board Meeting – Yvette Trujillo – August 28<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM
8. Next Agenda: Mike McPherson will present his Fundraising plans.

Benediction – Yvette Trujillo  
Submitted by: Sherry Noone