

United Life Center for Spiritual Living
Leadership Council Meeting - Approved Minutes
August 10, 2015

Meeting began at 12:35 pm

Present: Rick Wicker, Bob Williams, David Ackley, Rev Bill Ward, Deanie Wright, Chris Van Zant, Anna Otto, Jan Brown

Absent: None

Recognition of Visitors: Rev SuZ, Mary Strasner

Invocation: Rev Bill Ward

Vision and Mission Statement

Secretary's Report

- New Members: Kay Allard and Dolores Rondinelli. Anna moved to approve; Deanie seconded. Approved unanimously.
- Correspondence: Thank you letters from Red Cross and Regional Food Bank.
- Approval of Minutes: Anna moved to approve; Rev Bill seconded. Approved unanimously.
- Calendars: Classes beginning in September and the Thanksgiving dinner were added.

Treasurer's Report

- Financial reports were reviewed and statement of overall well-being was given. Discussion of ULCSL's finances ensued. We have been running an average deficit of about \$1,700 each month for 2015 and the LC is looking for solutions.
- Tithes: Presented were – 5% CSL, 2% Heidi Port (for providing the "Colors" materials for the LC Retreat) and 3% to an entity of David's choosing as he's the next in line for the "round robin" system of choosing the 3rd tithe recipient. Chris will choose at the September LC meeting. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report. Rev Bill moved to approve; David seconded. Approved unanimously.
- A motion was made to appoint Bob and Rick as designees for ULCSL's Wells Fargo (WF) account for the purpose of moving funds from WF to our Bank of Oklahoma account. Rev Bill moved to approve; Deanie seconded. Approved unanimously.

Minister's Report

- Letters to politicians were discussed.
- Suggested a part-time, paid position for Nina and Joan (assistant co-directors) to take over for Rev SuZ when she's not here; they would be paid \$50 each per Sunday. A motion was made to approve paying Nina and Joan \$50 each Sunday they cover for Rev SuZ. Rev Bill moved to approve; Chris seconded. Approved unanimously.
- A local barbershop quartet recently practiced at our center; Revs Bill and SuZ coached them.
- On vacation through Saturday.
- A ministerial class is likely for Emerson with Robert from Beach Park and Zach; Christian Wilhelm is also interested in taking a ministerial course.
- Classes create income for the church; they should bring in a minimum of \$1K each.
- Some people are not aware of what practitioners do; someone received one of Mike Ruckel's letter and was elated, stating that he was going to send a copy to his family.
- Fundraising/Outreach: Items discussed were the Grand Arts Proposal by Steve Sisco, local barbershop quartet community, Marlin Art, doing our own silent and active auction and, finally, an artist-of-the-month. A motion was made to approve the artist-of-the-month via our

bookstore to start the first Sunday of a month through the end of the month, with 30% of sales donated to ULCSL. Anna moved to approve; Rev Bill seconded. Approved unanimously.

President's Report

- Directory pics are a bit too dark and we also need a day for taking the remaining pictures.

Thank You/Get Well/Sympathy Cards

- Joe Maly & Max Cruz – Thanks - directory pics
- Bob Williams – Get well
- Carolyn Roberts – Thinking of you

New Business

- Prioritizing Goals: Strategic Planning (Chris and Rev Bill) handed out the report they created.
- Posting of LC Meeting minutes: Rick suggested that we post the meeting minutes. A motion was made that we do this beginning with the August minutes. Deanie moved to approve; Anna seconded. Approved unanimously.
- Barbershop Quartet: It was proposed that on Sep 19th or 26th the quartets could perform or prepare for their contests here. A motion was made that we allow this. Rev Bill moved to approve; Anna seconded. Approved unanimously.

Old Business

- 60th Birthday: David's OK with not doing the catering for this; the cake was discussed; the historical slideshow is underway.
- Paying musicians for taking over when Rev SuZ is away: See Above.
- Youth Ministry: Report was given.
- Social Hall Floor: David contacted five firms, four showed to assess and three sent him bids. Ashley JMC gave a quote of \$698 (plus additional \$175 for extra stripping) and seemed the most professional. A motion was made that we move forward with them to redo the floor before our 60th Celebration. Deanie moved to approve; Anna seconded. Approved unanimously.
- Scheduling Conflicts on Sep 13th and 20th: The September LC Meeting was moved to Fri, Sep, 11th, 4pm; the Art of Centering Prayer was moved to Aug 30th.

Ministry Reports/Completions

- Building and Grounds: A workday will be scheduled soon; the sanctuary A/V project is moving along and the camera and dimmer are on their way.
- Bookstore: Deanie and Gary have begun the inventory.
- Communications: Has done nothing on the web yet; concentration has been on the 60th.
- Education: Next Sunday is Rev Bill's "Art of Life" seminar, part 2; we need another Sunday school teacher (pre-teens).

Adjournment: 3:13 pm

Closing Prayer: Rev Bill Ward