

United Life Center for Spiritual Living
Leadership Council Meeting - Approved Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2015

Meeting began at 12:44 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: None

Invocation: Rev Bill Ward

Vision and Mission Statement

Secretary's Report

- New Members: None
- Correspondence: Letter from Martha and Jerry Starling with \$100 donation; discussed email from Joan Ackley that she sent to LC members.
- Approval of Minutes: Anna moved to approve; Deanie seconded. Approved unanimously.
- Calendars: The Art of Life seminar on Oct. 18th will begin a half hour later, at 1:30. Part I of Foundations will end on Oct. 28th.; part II will begin Nov. 4th. The re-offering of the "5 Gifts..." class will be postponed until 2016; possibly to be offered in January. Whether or not Foundations will meet on the Wednesdays before Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve has not been decided. Rev Bill is thinking of putting together a concert for the day after Christmas, Dec. 26th. A motion was made to hold the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, Jan. 24, 2016 (4th Sunday); Deanie moved to approve, Rev Bill seconded.
- Cards to be sent: "sympathy" to Scott Bryden and "get well" to Tracy Walker.

Treasurer's Report

- Financial reports: Were reviewed and statement of overall well-being was given. Discussion of ULCSL's finances ensued. Rick mentioned that a budget needs to be ready to present at our annual meeting in January. To that end, he put together some guidelines and distributed copies of "Timeline for 2015 Budget" that he wrote; a motion was made to have Jan and Dorothy put together a draft budget; Rev Bill moved to approve, Deanie seconded.
- Tithes: Presented were 5% CSL, 2% Michael Beckwith and 3% YWCA (per Anna). Bob chooses next month.

Minister's Report

- Rev Bill has been working with Rev SuZ on the Sunday service program; folks seem to like singing; trying to have modern and traditional with a different song each month.
- He's been having dinner with folks; this has helped with getting instruments and players for the possible concert on 26DEC.
- There are two (2) ministerial students taking the Foundations class via Skype, Zach Alberty and Robert McClarren. Jesus, Brandy and Port are also attending.
- Regarding the Visioning class, there are two sections on-going and he's allowing students to jump in anytime as each class stands alone. A visioning session is being held on Sundays at 9 a.m. beginning in October and might go beyond if there's enough interest. Anna shared that she's picking up some "splintering" in the congregation.
- The barbershop quartet made 7th place in the competition that we took an offering for. They'll resume rehearsals here at ULCSL.
- The "Artist of the Month" needs to be picked up and moved forward.

President's Report

- None

Old Business

- Strategic Plan: See "Wish List & Future Goals for 2015". This could be a wish list for next year; it could guide fundraising; be incorporated into budget figures (see New Business' "Time Line for 2015 Budget").
- Wells Fargo: Jan took the latest forms they said we needed to send in, to the Wells Fargo office on Waterford DR and had them fax them in. Has not been able to confirm via phone that everything's in order now to transfer funds to BOK because first, on multiple occasions the 800 customer service number had a recording saying that they were too busy right now, try again later. Second, when she finally got someone on the phone recently, they kept her on hold for an inordinately long time and she had to hang up.
- Church Directory: Is still in the works.
- The LC Meeting minutes have been posted on the website and bulletin boards beginning with the August minutes.
- Fundraising discussions will begin after the "Ideas List" (green sheet) feedback is complete.

New Business

- "Time Line for 2015 Budget" handout was distributed and discussed.
- New LC members for 2016: The first step is to put together the selection team; Rick has completed his 3-year commitment so will be leaving the LC this time around; the LC can consist of up to 9 members.
- Marketing: Rev Bill has a donor that has volunteered to cover the cost of a mailing card campaign to 1,000 homes in zips that earn \$60K + per year.
- 60th pictorial book: a sample will be ready soon with a CD; the cost to produce it is \$61; the plan is to charge \$65 or \$70 for folks to buy.

Ministry Reports/Completions

- Garden/Building & Grounds: growing are tomatoes and pumpkins; squash blossoms are being harvested and Rick has recipes for these. The grounds team has trimmed the shrubs.
- Pastoral Care: Deanie asked if we ever contact "lost" attendees/members; she'll get with Judy Leyrer since she signed up on the pastoral care volunteer sheet
- Bookstore: For the next set of classes books will be offered at a 10% discount
- Communications: All LC members were asked to go to the website and provide feedback on it via email
- Education: Teachers are Cheree, Mary and Rob (teens); books for classes are needed
- Special Events: Need feedback
- Meal for Next LC Meeting: Anna/Deanie

Adjournment: 3:17 pm

Closing Prayer: Rev Bill Ward