

**United Life Center for Spiritual Living  
Leadership Council Meeting  
September 11, 2015**

Meeting began at 4:41 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: Anonymous letter regarding negative messages on portable sign.
- Approval of Minutes: Rev Bill moved to approve; Chris seconded. Approved unanimously.
- Calendars: Due to the 60<sup>th</sup> celebration on September 13<sup>th</sup>, it was decided not to have potluck or New Member/Town Hall on the following Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. New Member/Town Hall will be held on potluck Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> instead, in addition to another installment of "Art of Life" (this would be part 3) that day. On potluck Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, "Art of Life" part 4, or "Visioning" might be held. The "5 Gifts..." didn't "make" this time so may be offered again starting Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. A Candlelight Service was added for Christmas Eve.

**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% Tulsa CSL (Rev Suellen's Center) and 3% to City Rescue Mission chosen by Chris Van Zant per the "round robin" system of choosing the 3<sup>rd</sup> tithe recipient. It was noted that David chose CASA of OK County for his turn last month.

**Minister's Report**

- Rev Bill has worked with Rev SuZ on the order of Sunday service.
- Classes have started with "Visioning" offered on Tuesdays a.m. and p.m. and "Foundations" on Wednesdays a.m. only, with two ministerial students included in the ranks.
- The 405 Barbershop Quartet will perform during our Sunday service, September 13<sup>th</sup>. Deanie moved to approve payment for their performance. Chris seconded. Approved unanimously.
- We need to pick up the "artist-of-the-month" program from the August LC meeting.
- The monthly practitioner meeting needs to be announced for better attendance.

**President's Report**

- Rick will be gone on vacation September 21<sup>st</sup> – October 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Thank You/Get Well/Sympathy Cards**

- Bud Morris – Thinking of you & Thank You
- Nancy Morris – Thinking of you & Thank You

## Old Business

- Church Directory/Photos: Pics are a bit too dark but it might be fixed with software.
- Posting LC Minutes to Website: Jan will email approved minutes to Glen
- Social Hall Floor: Kudos on getting that done.
- 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration: Costs to ULCSL include the main dish from Earl's (\$420), supplies from Sam's (\$132), stamps (\$210), Printing (\$30) and other miscellaneous items. Donations include a cash donation of \$500, and the decorations. It was mentioned that Rob's kids can help with the setup/clean-up for the celebration and that David's in charge.
- Transfer Wells Fargo Funds to BOK: This is still underway. They gave us the wrong form the first time around so Jan's working to get the new form into Wells Fargo's system in order to move forward.
- Visioning/Meditation: Possibly in November on Potluck Sunday.
- Fundraising Options: Chris moved to have a meeting regarding just fundraising. Deanie seconded. Approved unanimously and it was agreed it will be held in October . Rev Bill stated that at the next LC meeting, he will give a presentation on the Memorial Garden fundraiser.
- Strategic Planning: The SP report was reviewed and each meeting attendee was able to share what they felt were the most important/pressing items on the report.

## New Business

- Evaluations: Rick brought up different options for how to do Rev Bill's 1-year evaluation, then moved to evaluations for all employees. Rick made a motion that ULCSL evaluate each of our three (3) paid employees—privately with each employee—within the next certain number of months. No second; motion died.

## Ministry Reports/Completions

- Ecclesiastical: Everything seems to be going well; advise if you hear anything.
- Usher/Greeter: Have about six (6) people. There's a "lead" each Sunday with a backup.
- Budget/Finance: Bob works closely with Jan and Bill.
- Bookstore: The inventory's done. Bookstore next steps will be reported at next meeting.
- Outreach: Rev Bill said he's working on that.
- Communications: Not sure if Max will return to do the signs; Anna has not had a chance to work on the website stuff; she's happy with Jan's work.
- Education: The team met last Sunday. "Art of Life" seminar brought in \$300+; we need to develop a "what is SOM" 25-word statement; the team should create an Education plan. Rev Bill added that Rob Riggs volunteered to teach the kids on Sundays.
- David thanked Anna and Jan for several items.
- Anna picks the tithe for the October meeting.
- Rick provides lunch for the October meeting.

**Adjournment:** 7:45 pm

**Closing Prayer:** Rev Bill Ward