

**CSSSJC**  
**Growing Church Workshop**  
**Minutes**  
**April 26, 2010**

Facilitator, Diane Schnitzer opened the meeting at 7:35 P.M. with readings from Miscellaneous Writings, p.204: 12-6 "The".

**Quorum**

A quorum was established based on 18 members in the room, 14 members on the telephone and 4 members on Skype. The quorum was maintained throughout the meeting.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the February 22, 2010 Growing Church Workshop were approved.

**Correspondence**

Diane read the letter announcing Mr. Donald W. Ingwerson as the appointed Committee on Publication for Southern California for this next year beginning June 6, 2010. A letter from Family Assistance Ministries was read, announcing that through the efforts of the City of San Clemente and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, FAM received assistance to purchase Gilchrist House.

**Administrator/Bookkeeper Report**

Mary Beth Pope read a letter from Nancy Price, Travel Manager for the Board of Directors. In it she expressed joy in working with the Society and thanking us for "the inspiring light you bring as a church."

Mary Beth read the final income and expense numbers regarding the Board's visit. Donations - \$2,500.00, Expenses - \$2,889.79 leaving a total of \$389.79 as final cost of the visit. Also, there were 3 members who donated items and who want to remain anonymous.

**Team Reports**

Lecture: Nan Hopfer read from Ginny Luedeman's follow-up letter to all the churches sponsoring the joint lecture. A copy of this letter has been sent to the stakeholders and copies are available from the administrator. Nan said the Society donated water, cookies, Bibles, and copies of Science and Health.

## **Marine Corps Recruiting Depot (MCRD)**

Carolyn St. Charles reported on her outreach work with Marine recruits in training in San Diego. She conducts services every Sunday, reading the Bible Lesson to Christian Science recruits, as well as providing Christian Science literature to them. She said there is no outside funding for this outreach at this time.

## **Finance**

Paul Garman reported that in revising the 2010 budget, the Finance Team took a different approach to the seeming lack of funds and worked with a renewed sense of church and the importance of increasing our dedication and commitment. He said there has been some progress in this fiscal year vs. 2009, and then he addressed various line items.

Nan Hopfer made the motion to accept the Finance Team's proposed revised budget; the motion was seconded and discussion followed.

Deborah Huebsch asked that the \$3,000 for Youth Support be kept in the budget, and said these funds help cover the costs of camperships, the National Leadership Conference, and the College Summit meetings.

She also asked that we focus on outreach to our Spanish community. Nan Hopfer and Paul Garman offered to take the lead on this.

In keeping with the desire to support our community, Laura Fisher made a motion to make Family Assistance Ministries the tithing recipient for April and CREER the tithing recipient for June. The motion was seconded and approved by majority vote.

## **Outreach**

Laura Fisher reviewed the points in her written report sent to the stakeholders. Laura made a motion the April tithing be sent to the Christian Science Endowment Fund. She said there is an urgent need at Broadview and Sunland Home for funds to cover nursing care for those who cannot afford to pay the costs. Laura also said a small percentage of donations received will go for Christian Science nursing training and asked for the stakeholders' prayerful support. The motion was seconded and discussion followed.

The motion passed by majority vote.

Laura made a motion that the tithing amount be split each month so that 5% goes to church sponsored Outreach and 5% goes to church supported Outreach like the Endowment fund. The motion was seconded and discussion followed.

The motion passed by majority vote.

## **Readers**

Diane said that Debby Oliver was on travel and therefore unable to report on the Readers schedule. Diane stated that since we did not have the names of the June Readers, the election would have to be postponed.

## **Reading Room**

LaRae Fast reported that the Reading Room team is taking the next 2 months to establish a smooth foundation to reflect and focus and quietly love the idea of Reading Room that Mrs. Eddy envisioned and developed, and to be grateful for this idea and to broaden our understanding of the details involved in its operation. As a result, the second stakeholder meeting on the RR (following the initial one March 28<sup>th</sup>) will not take place at this time. After the team has had time to be directed in the most efficient path, the stakeholders will be informed if it is felt an additional meeting is necessary. She concluded by saying the Reading Room staff is dedicated and happy and grateful to be able to provide the congregation and community with this peaceful oasis.

## **New Business**

### **Election of Management Team members**

By majority vote, LaRae Fast was elected for a second term. Joy Aldrich and Karen Brown were elected to replace outgoing members Nancy Hopfer and Debby Oliver.

Alan Hess pointed out that in the future, if a remote member accepted nomination to the Management Team, teleconferencing and/or Skype would make it possible to participate in the monthly meetings.

### **Admin and community rooms switch**

Diane explained that for some time it has been difficult on Sunday mornings for the admin to do the necessary work in support of the church service and to speak with visitors and/or stakeholders about their questions. She said the smaller room would become the admin room and the larger room dedicated to the teams.

If the work is approved, Diane said she would do all the work except for electrical. She estimates the total cost for this move to be a maximum of \$750.00 (including electrician @ \$60/hour, paint \$75, desk top, \$100, filing cabinet \$193.)

Diane made the motion to proceed with the move. The motion was seconded and discussion followed.

Paul Garman said a second copier, suitable for the teams' purposes, could be expensive. Linn Moffett replied that a good copier could be purchased for approximately \$400.

The motion was passed by majority vote.

### **Metaphysical Loose-End Tying**

Diane Schnitzer – Stakeholders need to heed the “Note” regarding using the Members\*/Regular Attendees Directory only for church business.

Deborah Huebsch – Thankful for the spiritual awareness of “healer” within the Society and said 4 more stakeholders are taking practice calls.

Alan Hess – Outreach includes our collective church activities with the community (tithing, FAM, etc.), but it is also important for individual members to continue their individual work with community groups that are important to them. The group collectively supports their individual inspiration, and gains from their commitment to the community. Outreach should never become a bureaucratic process, but should remain rooted in our love and prayer for the community.

LaRae Fast said stakeholders are welcome to come into the Reading Room for research and study outside its hours of operation. She requested that no one purchase literature but wait until the Reading Room is open.

Joy Aldrich suggested all the old books in the Reading Room be marked down for quick sale.

Paul Garman asked the stakeholders to renew their sense of commitment and contribution. He alerted us to a new family who is settling in our area and participating in our church. Paul also said that the success of the God-Table in Seattle is a wonderful example of outreach.

Bev Lyle suggested we keep thought “above the fray” during this time when politics seem to be in the forefront of the media regarding immigration issues.

Adjournment– 9:12 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Beth Pope