



The Rosicrucian Fellowship MBM #11
Minutes of Quarterly Board Meeting of May 03, 2014
MBM#11 – 2014-05-03

Chairman Jorge Rey, conducted the meeting via Skype.

9.00 am - The meeting started with a Skype call to Members. By 9.20 am we finally have a stable Skype connection
By 9.25 am a quorum was established:

Member present were:

Angela Ponce de Leon, Christopher Gendre, Jim Noel, Jorge Rey, Louis Agbe, and Dr. Sheldon Deal,
Djissi JF Kangni, Jean Claude Verdin

Member absent were:

Juan Javier Vesga, (provided excuses for his absence)

Invited Guests:

President Patricia Tinker, General Secretary Jean de Galzain.

Meeting started with the Student Prayer. Chairman opened the meeting with following order of business:

- 1.) President and Treasurer's report. After questions and review the Reports were accepted.
- 2.) Minutes of the BOT Meeting 1/04/2014 were read and approved as is.
- 3.) The Retrofit Commission The President reported that we are still trying to organize a meeting between City officials, the Architectural Committee and members of the Retrofit commission but the City is going through a reorganization as key Dept Heads have left for better paying jobs elsewhere and the City council is looking for suitable replacements.
Efforts to raise fund have only yielded \$690 to date. Jim Noel moved that we set aside 5% of the small amount of monthly donation received at Headquarters to be placed in the retrofit fund. The Motion was approved unanimously.
Jim also indicated that we need to find a person to help us with writing grants applications. Louis Agbe is in charge of the funding aspect of this project.
- 4.) Legacy Commission: Mrs Katarina Beckers's legacy is being addressed by the Legacy commission. The commission has designated a Chairperson : Christophe Gendre and a Secretary : Louis Agbe. The commission is in discussion with a legal firm to investigate the status of the will. The Chairperson has indicated that He will take a trip to Holland to meet with the legal firm once one has been chosen and preliminary request for a retainer's fee will be sought and communicated to Headquarters once obtained.
- 5.) 2013-2014 Budget: The corrected version of the 2013-2014 Budget was presented and after questions and review by Trustees the corrected budget was accepted.
- 6.) New Bylaws revision was presented with a side by side account of the changes showing the 2004 and 2014 bylaws with explanations of reasons for the change, several question remains pending and must be addressed before the next meeting in July 26, 2014. The Chair congratulated the Committee for its long and arduous process that will correct short coming of the 2004 version and yield new and more adapted bylaws.
- 7.) New Business: Security at Mount Ecclesia: After an ever increasing wave of vandalism and misbehavior from local gangs of teenagers and taggers who are fixated on damaging the property after hours during late night and early morning when all residents are asleep. It has been suggested that upgrade the looks by we build a decorative wooden fence along the frontage road (Amick St) and that we build a chain link fence on the west side behind the cottages to stop all foot traffic from transient and homeless population that trespass over the property and invade the vacant homes leaving unsanitary trash and other belongings that we need to go clean out regularly. It is also recommended by the Police Dept that

we build an electronic fence at the entrance that opens and closes at set times to stop all driving trespassers and illegal night traffic and their unwanted destructive activities, trim all tree low branches and bushes do trespassers cannot hide and camp illegally on the property contra try to city ordinances against camping.

Request to use reserve funds was presented in the amount of:

\$13,000 for an electronic Security Gate

\$7,000 For masonry pillards and short wall to support the electronic fence in front entrance

\$7,500 for the 400 foot long extension of the chain link security fence on the west side by canyon

\$4,500 for the 500 feet wooden fence along the frontage road.

and after discussion of the items a majority of the Board approved expenditure of \$32,000 for this security project.

- 8.) Change of Operation at Headquarters. The chair discussed the need to make changes in operation at Mount Ecclesia. Membership update and data provided was compared to the last January figures was reviewed by the chair who encouraged everyone to continue efforts to improve our service to the members.
- 9.) Government SER (senior reinsertion program) The President investigated and presented with a suggestion that we negotiate with the Government SER (senior reinsertion program) that funds seniors to volunteer in search of a job. Selected seniors come to work at Headquarters and the SER program pay them minimum wages for 18 hours a week in the hope that it develop into a job down the road in non-esoteric positions. The majority of the Board approved with one abstention (Jean Claude Verdun) Board approved the concept and ask the President to pursue this creative idea and see how to implement it.
- 10.) Lack of Rosicrucian Education: Due to a great lack of Education in Rosicrucian Teaching within our membership as witnessed by the questions asked from Headquarters, and students and probationers drop out not knowing the teachings. It has been suggested that we raise the study requirement before aspirant can apply for various level of membership. It is implied that a better educated membership will be in a stronger position to support our collect effort to spread the Teachings to the world, a responsibility that fall on every single members of our organization. This will also bring everyone to understand the true meaning of the Great Work of the Elder Brothers of the Rose Cross in service to Humanity and entice each with a more personal participation in it. All application for Regular Student will be honored only after one has completed both the Preliminary Philosophy course as well as the Supplementary Philosophy course. Applications for Probationership will be honored only after the Regular Student has completed both the Bible and Astrology Courses to be allowed to take their vow. It was suggested that if members do not read all our books and do not take any courses beyond the preliminary Philosophy how can they pretend to know and spread the Teachings which is their individual responsibility. After further discussion a majority of the Board approved the concept and made it applicable no sooner than the deadline of January 1, 2015. (with three votes against: Sheldon Deal, Christophe and Jean Claude Verdun)
- 11.) General Discussion followed regarding the need to revamp the entire operation at Headquarters that was established in the 70's and 80's. The need to rebuild a new work force, get new equipments, and secure more permanent source of revenues and continue to uphold the fundamental principles established by Max Heindel under the guidance of the Order, were among the subject treated for future brainstorming sessions.
- 12.) Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned with the Student Prayer.
- 13.) Next Meeting planned for July 26, 2014 at 9.00 am PDT California Time via skype.

Jorge Rey Chairman of the Board

Jean de Galzain General Secretary