



The Rosicrucian Fellowship MBM#11
 Minutes of the Quarterly Board Meeting of October 17, 2015
 MBM#11 – 2015-10-17

9.00 am The Meeting was called to order by the Chair and Trustees were called via Skype.

9.16 am - Seven Trustees present make a Quorum, the Chair calls for roll call for the Quorum:

Trustees present: Louis Agbe, Jean Claude Verdin, Franck Montero, Jim Noel, Dewey Ross Duffel, Roberto Costa and Jean de Galzain.

Trustees unreachable: Djissi Kangni was online but with no sound, and Juan Javier Vesga (excused)

Officer/Non Trustees Present: Patricia Tinker, (President), Angela Ponce de Leon (Treasurer)

Chairman asks President to open the meeting with a prayer

- 1.) **Item 1. Approval of the Minutes.** Chair moves approval of the Board minutes # 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 Jean seconds, Unanimous Yes vote.
- 2.) **Item 2. Quarterly Fall 2015 President & Treasurer's Report.** After review Jim moves to accept the report as written. Ross seconds. Unanimous Yes Vote.
- 3.) **Item 3. BRC Report of Major Changes.** Major BRC changes: 1.) Worldwide Probationers continue to vote on ALL issues the ballot. 2.) The Number of trustees will be reduced from 9 to 7 to serve on the Board, 3.) 5 trustees will reside in the USA, 2 trustees may reside anywhere in the world. 4.) USA probationers will nominate 5 trustees, World wide probationers will nominate 2 trustees. 5.) The Election Committee's selection of nominees will be confirmed by the Board and verified by the Esoteric Dept before the names are placed on the ballot. 6.) Future trustees must attend in person at least one board meeting per year at Oceanside to meet face to face with other trustees. 7.) Notice will be placed in the Worldwide Echoes that will advise the open trustee positions each year so Probationers can made suggestions for nomination. Jim moves to accept the major BRC changes to the new bylaws implemented at the September 19 BRC meeting. Roberto seconds. Unanimous Yes Vote
- 4.) **Item 4. Self-Audit Documentation.** Jim requested that the Administration documents the various steps included in the yearly self-audit. No motion was made but a report of steps taken ensure we are in compliance with IRS and California law was given.
- 5.) **Item 5. Treasurer's Report.** Angela having computer problems could not join the meeting. Jean answered questions from trustees indicating that the retrofit fund had \$14, 370.42 in it, excluding the \$4,624.00 that was returned to the General fund last April. No motion.
- 6.) **Item 6. Retrofit Fundraising Committee Report.** Louis reported on Several items, including:
 - A. Fundraising Campaigns.** Ross moves that Claudia Jimenez be allowed to start fundraising campaigns with three companies: 1. Campaign Fund Raising, 2. Indiegogo.com, 3. FundMe.com. Roberto seconds, Unanimous Yes Vote.
 - B. Four Fundraising Project on the Web.** Ross Moves that we include on one or more pages of TRF.org website the four fundraising projects to raise funds for the retrofit program (1. Razoo.com, 2. Redson Rocha CD, 3. TRF CD, 4. Dr Dalrymple movie link). Jim seconds. Unanimous Yes Vote.
 - C. Pablo's Fundraising Postcard.** Discussion indicated that TRF is not in the habit of soliciting funds from its members and that we must be very diplomatic about fundraising efforts via the membership. The Card may need to be adjusted and include both money for Retrofit and HQ Operation. An implementation option requires further discussion. No Motion.

- D. Redson Rocha Offer to Come Sing At ME to Raise Funds.** Discussion pointed out the Mount Ecclesia is certainly not the best venue for such an event due to lack of proper facility and that project needs to be handled by someone who has both Marketing and Event Management skills to assure it can be a success. Information will be researched and passed onto Redson. No Motion.
- 7.) **Item 7. Charging for E-material on TRF web.** Jean moves that the Board accepts to charge a nominal fee (to be determined after research is made) for E-books listed on TRF.org website for download. Jim seconds. 1 abstention (Ross) and 6 Yes vote (Louis, Jean Claude, Franck, Jim, Roberto, Jean).
- 8.) **Item 8. Opt-in Page For TRF.org and other TRF websites.** Jean's suggestion to place an optional *Opt-in Page* to gather data on visitors coming to TRF.org website and build a mailing list from it to inform them of events and activities, will need to be discussed further. No Motion.
- 9.) **Item 9. Madison TRF MMX UA Probationer status.** Jean moves to table the item of the MMX UA probationer status till the next special Board Meeting so the Trustees have a chance to fully evaluate the complex situation to be able to make an informed decision on the matter. Louis seconds, Unanimous Yes Vote.
- 10.) **Item 10. PRO-QUEST Library offer.** Jean moves to ask the Chair to further investigate the Pro Quest Library non exclusive offer in relation to hosting the Rays magazine for royalties, and obtain relevant information to help the Board make an informed decision. Louis Seconds, Unanimous Yes Vote.
- 11.) **Item 11. Implementation Of The Worldwide Esoteric Bureau (W.E.B.).** Ross moves that we table the W.E.B. item until next Board Meeting and asked that we distribute to Trustees the WEB preliminary guidelines in their present state for discussion and decision. Roberto seconds, Unanimous Yes Vote.
- 12.) **Item 12. Next Special Board Meeting date.** Jean moves that the Board set the date of the next Skype Board meeting for December 12, 2015 at 9.00 am as the elections deadline is set to December 7, 2015 leaving ample time to provide Election/Bylaws results or Board ratification by then. Ross Seconds, Unanimous Yes Vote.
- 13.) **Item 13. Extension of the Chair's term.** Jean moves that the Board extend the Board Chair 's term till the next special meeting of the Board on December 12, 2015 when new Trustees are introduced and all trustees can then vote for the chair's position. Roberto Seconds, 1 abstention (Ross) and 6 Yes Vote (Louis, Jean Claude, Franck, Jim, Roberto, Jean).
- 14.) **Item 14. TRF Books on Amazon.com/books-on-demand.** Ross moves that we table the Book item until we get more information (potential returns, impact of our own book sales, copyright issues, etc...) Louis Seconds, Unanimous Yes Vote. After discussion, Ross volunteered to research royalty for TRF books sold on Amazon.com. After discussion, Ross volunteered to research royalty for TRF books sold on Amazon.com.
- 15.) **Item 15. Three Outgoing Trustees.** The Chair thanks the three out going Trustees (Louis Agbe, Jean Claude Verdin, Juan Javier Vesga) for their selfless service, good works and creative suggestions while on the Board during their three year terms, and the Chair also thanked them for accepting to extend their term through the 2015 Quarterly October Board Meeting to help finish the job at hand. The Chair expressed the hope that perhaps some of the outgoing Trustees would consider being nominated to serve on the WEB in its inception. The first W.E.B. is to include some former Trustees who at least can work with Headquarters as well as, have experience working with major issues as, for now at least, they have a feel for how things need to be handled by the Esoteric Department, the Treasurer and the Board to create greater harmony with the centers and membership in general. The Chair commended Louis Agbe's excellent work on the Retrofit Funding Committee and expressed his hope that Louis would accept to continue to chair that committee for another term. Louis accepted.
- 11.31 am **Meeting Adjourned.** Chair closes with the Student's prayer and moves to adjourn the meeting. Jean seconds, Unanimous Yes Vote.
Chair again thanks all members for their presence, participation and good suggestions.