

The Rosicrucian Fellowship MBM#10
Minutes of the Quarterly Board Meeting of July 18, 2015
MBM#10 – 2015-07-18

9.00 am The Meeting was called to order by the Chair and Trustees not physically present were called via Skype.

9.14 am - Six Trustees present make a Quorum, the Chair called for roll call for the Quorum: Trustees present: Louis Agbe, Jim Noel, Dewey Ross Duffel, Roberto Costa and Jean de Galzain. Trustee unreachable: Djissi Kangni, Jean Claude Verdin (excused), and Juan Javier Vesga (excused)

Chairman Dewey Ross Duffel asked President Patricia Tinker to open the meeting with a prayer

- 1.) <u>Item 1.</u> **Approval of the Minutes**. Chair moved to table approval of the Board minutes # 6, 7, 8, 9 due to late delivery. Jim seconds, Unanimous Yes vote.
- 2.) <u>Item 2.</u> **Combination of last and first Board meetings.** Chair moves that we combine the last and first meeting of the Board this time since there are no new incoming trustees due to no elections. Jim seconds, Unanimous Yes Vote.

## **9.34 am** Djissi Kangni joins the meeting

- 3.) <u>Item 3.</u> **Postponing Returning the 5% Retrofit Money from General Fund.** Due to the financial situation, Jim moves that we postpone returning the Retrofit Money from the General Fund to the Retrofit account until next October's Quarterly Board Meeting if finances have improved. Ross seconds, Unanimous Yes vote.
- 4.) <u>Item 4.</u> **2015 President Annual Report.** After review Ross moves to accept the President's Summary of the 2015 Annual Report Jean seconds. Unanimous Yes Vote.
- 5.) <u>Item 5.</u> **Special Election Of Trustees .** Ross moves that given the emergency situation we hold a special election for trustees for the 3 regions that would normally have been voted for this year. Jim seconds, Unanimous Yes vote.
- 6.) <u>Item 6.</u> **Emergency Extension of 3 outgoing Trustee's Term**. Ross moves that due to the emergency situation the 3 outgoing trustees have their term extended till next October's Quarterly Board Meeting for which they have agreed to serve. Jim Seconds, 5 Yes Votes (Djissi, Jim, Ross, Roberto, Jean) 1 Abstention (Louis)
- 7.) <u>Item7.</u> **Adjustment to New 2015 Bylaws affective date.** Ross moves the Board authorize the effective date of the first trustees installed under the new 2015 Bylaws be changed to the regular 2016 July Quarterly Board Meeting. Jean seconds. Unanimous Yes vote.
- 8.) <u>Item 8.</u> **Election Committee Meeting.** Ross moves that the Election Committee will meet to handle the Special Election of Trustees as well as the Ballots of the new 2015 Bylaws. To alleviate

Jim's concerns, Jean pledges that the Election Committee will not count any ballots unless all 5 members of the committee are present. Any EC member, with or without an excuse, who is not available to meet on the scheduled date will delay the meeting and the EC will reschedule the meeting at another time. The delay cannot exceed one week, at which time the committee will ask for a replacement of that committee member by the Board. Roberto seconds, Unanimous Yes Vote.

- 9.) <u>Item 9.</u> **Confirmation of 5 Election Committee members.** Ross moves that the Board confirms the 5 previously elected Election Committee members: Angela Ponce de Leon, Isaida Gutierrez, Patricia Tinker, Jim Noel, Jean de Galzain. Louis seconds. Unanimous Yes vote.
- 10.) <u>Item 10.</u> **Extension of the Chair's term.** Jean moves that the Board approves extending the Chair's term until incoming trustees may vote on the chair position October 17. Jim seconds. 5 Yes Vote (Louis, Djissi, Jim, Roberto, Jean), 1 Abstention (Ross).
- 11.) <u>Item 11.</u> **Book Translation Request.** Ross moves that the Board tables the Book Translation issue until we have further information. Jim seconds, Unanimous Yes vote.
- 12.) Item 12. Chair Requests.
  - **A.) Probationer vow.** The Chair requests that the Esoteric Department send a letter clearly stating the dates when qualified Regular Students will be able to take their Probationer's vows.
  - **B.) Key requests**. Chair request that administration address members requesting for keys.
  - **C.) How to best Spread the Teachings.** Chair requests that the Board put some thought on how best to spread the Teachings and how to promote interest in TRF Aquarian Age philosophy.
  - **D.**) **Review suggestions**. How to implement the W.E.B. Committee, how to put the Healing Service on YouTube and how to emphasize the Donate Button (Paypal) on he website. Possibly placing information in the Echoes when there is room.
- 13.) <u>Item 13.</u> **Fundraising Committee Report.** Louis report that DM withdrew her grant writing offer and that Claudia Jimenez has offered to take on the Grant Writing project. DM has asked that her full name be stricken from all TRF records especially the minutes of the October 5, 2013 Quarterly Board Meeting.
  - Jean moves that the Board approves an amendment to the minutes of October 5, 2013 to strike the grant writer's name and replace it with her initials and the old minutes be removed from the web. Louis Seconds. Unanimous Yes Vote.
  - Ross moves to accept the Fund raising and Grant Writing Report from Louis. Jean seconds, Unanimous yes Vote
- 14.) 11.28 am **Meeting Adjourned.** Chair closes with the Student's prayer and moves to adjourn he meeting. Jean seconds, Unanimous Yes Vote Chair thanks all members for their presence and participation.

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