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MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING #2 - PERIOD 2025-2026
MBM#2 - BOT-SM-2025-08-23 – August 23, 2025 – 9.00 AM PDT (16.00 UTC)

BOARD TRUSTEES: • Patricia Tinker • Susan Fidelman • Augustine M. Owusu • David Kreitzer • Marco T. Perez • Neil Breaslain • Solomon Essah-Essel

BOARD OFFICERS: Ross Duffel – Chairman of the Board • Jean de Galzain- President, • Marco T Perez - VP • Louis Agbe - General Secretary • Angela Ponce de Leon -Treasurer

• **Item 1: Permission for Recording, Quorum and Rolls Call**:
Just before Quorum was called, Chair asked **Trustees' Permission** to record the meeting. Permission was granted. Time: 9:11 am. Roll Call for **Quorum** was done by Ross. Roll Call: Solomon, Neil, Patricia, Susan, Augustine, Marco. Six Board Trustees were present. David was absent. All Board Officers were present.

• Item 2: Chair Opened the Meeting with (Lord's) Prayer: Ross led the Lord's Prayer.

• Item 3: Review and approval of Board minutes:
Minutes of the previous BOT meeting**,** MBM#9-BOT-QM-July 26, 2025-A, were the first to be reviewed. **Augustine** raised an issue about the sentence referring to donation under item 4 of the minute which appeared as though it is part of the qualification to be an active member. Jean clarified that donation is not a condition for staying active, although it is important and an obligation. The referenced sentence was thus modified to read "Besides many of them do not send in any donations, *even though this does not disqualify them from being active*." **Solomon** impressed upon the President to continuously encourage members to donate their widow's mite to support the Fellowship, although the President complained of being tired of doing this every time.
Augustine wanted to know who appoints the Esoteric Secretary, and was told it is the President. Jean entreated all Board Trustees to read and acquaint themselves with the Bylaws that guide the Fellowship activities.
Augustine wanted to know when the Bylaws will be amended to reflect the fact that qualifications for Board Trustees and Center Presidents have been modified due to the difficulty of finding members who have completed all the Courses. It was variously explained to him that the modification is simply an administrative measure to solve a problem and does not warrant modification of the Bylaws and that eventually when members are found who have completed all the courses they will come on board.
Solomon suggested to put the minutes on the Probationers' website so they can have access to it and read to know what changes have been made.
Ross asked and Patricia made a motion to accept the minutes #9 as amended. She was seconded by Augustine. Roll Call: Neil, Solomon, Patricia, Susan, Augustine, Marco. Unanimous Yes votes to accept the minutes.

Regarding the second minutes, MBM#1-BOT-QM-July 26, 2025-B, Jean informed that all the amendments that were requested to the BOT Meeting Dates, as well as corrections to emails in the BOT Contact List were made, and corrected documents shared with Board members.
Patricia made a motion to accept this second minutes with no amendments. Susan seconded the motion. Roll Call: Solomon, Neil, Patricia, Susan, Augustine, Marco. Unanimous Yes votes to accept the minutes.

• Item 4: Special Meeting of the Board for the Yearly Plan:
Ross said the President suggested that the Board focus its Yearly Plan on addressing **the Retrofit of the Administration Building and its funding** in case the cost exceeds the reserve we have in our account. Jean recapped the genesis of the retrofit and said out of the buildings that the state through the City authorities have

asked to be retrofitted, it was discovered that the Guess House, Healing Building and the Temple did not qualify for the retrofit and so were taken out of the list. They were solidly built with reinforcement. The only one which is not up to the standard is the Old Admin Building made of bricks with no reinforcement. Jean explained that we are waiting for the structural engineer to give us the plans and paperwork to retrofit the building and to know how much it is going to cost us. The engineer sent him a bill of $9,500 for the work he has done so far and explained payment for the rest of the work will be on hourly basis. When Jean asked him how the payment should be done he said he did not need the $9,500 but should be given a cheque for $2,000, which Jean did. The engineer's problem now is that one of his staff, an engineer, quit the job and he is having a hard time recruiting a new one. And because he has only one staff and a lot of projects on his hand he has delayed giving us the documents. Jean asked him to apply for extension to the deadline of December 2, 2025 for completion of the retrofit. We are still waiting for the engineer's plans by end of August. We do not know how much it is going to cost us to retrofit the building. If we decide to use Mrs. Becker's fund to retrofit and discover that it is not enough we will need to raise funds.
Susan wanted to know when we will have confirmation from the city of the deadline extension. Jean said he did not know but was hoping the engineer will apply for it. He will contact him to find out.
Marco asked when the engineer was supposed to give us a plan. Jean said it was supposed to be the end of August. However, because one of his engineers quit he was not sure when he will give us the plan. So one thing we can do to ensure we are not in trouble is to ask him to apply for extension of time.
Ross asked for a motion to accept the report as presented by the President. Patricia made the motion, seconded by Marco. Roll Call: Solomon, Neil, Patricia, Susan, Augustine, Marco. Report unanimously accepted.

• Item 5: Update on the Guest House rehabilitation project, spearheaded by Jim Noel and Ceremony: Jean explained that back in the winter solstice of 2024 we established the theme for the coming summer school which was "The dawn of the Phoenix". Some people led by Jim Noel came up with the idea to rehabilitate the GH one room at a time since we do not have all the funds to do it all at once. So Jim went around to solicit pledges to help him do this project. The first thing they did was to rehabilitate the chapel and the alter and put a bible on it, then cleaned up rooms, carpet and floors, painted the walls, restored all the room where they could pack books and use as a library. They cleaned up and painted the Philosophy room and repaired broken windows. They chose August 8, which was the 116th birthday of the Fellowship to initiate the resurrection of the GH as the Rosicrucian Fellowship Spiritual Center, and also the resurrection of Max Heindel School of Spiritual Healing in a ceremony. Forty-one people came to celebrate the occasion. Dr. Deal, one of the oldest local members and a chiropractor, was appointed honorary director of the School of Spiritual Healing and gave a lecture followed by refreshment. Because many people came they had to bring in many more chairs from the chapel into the Philosophy Room. After Dr. Deal gave the lecture, the light from the west into the chapel showed a cross of light, which was a miracle noticed by all.
On the Wednesday past there was a meeting in the cafeteria to discuss phase 2 of the GH rehabilitation that will include restoring the water system, and restoring rooms on the first floor so people could come for retreat, which means the Phoenix is being reborn.
Marco asked if the plumbing needs refurbishing, and Jean said yes the plumbing needs refurbishing, the sewer will need refurbishing, virtually everything needs refurbishing.
Augustine asked for the estimated cost of the Phase 2, which Jean said he could not give but they are expecting more resources. He is encouraging every Old Probationer who has a lot of experience, self-reliant, and has the means to support himself to apply to come to Mt. Ecclesia to live and to volunteer.
Patricia said she spoke with Dr. Deal and he said he was honored to be a member and that he was doing better now than in the beginning when he had to leave.
Ross asked for a motion to accept the report given by Jean. Patricia made the motion seconded by Augustine. Roll Call: Solomon, Neil, Patricia, Susan, Augustine, Marco. Unanimous yes vote to accept the report.

• Item 6: Other Business. Chair asks if there is any other business before the Board.
Worldwide brainstorming: Louis explained the four areas outlined in the draft document namely the structure, the process, thematic areas for the brainstorming, and timeline. Jean emphasized we are dealing with six languages and we need to find a coordinators who must be bilingual and be able to speak English in addition to

their local language and relate to the international coordinator who must be able to speak English as well. We must put this in the Echoes in order to find appropriate coordinators to moderate the brainstorming process. Jean commended Louis for a job well done and concluded now is the time to practicalize it. Jean suggested some modifications to the brainstorming process outline including replacing the word “preaching” with “spreading”.
Marco suggested that in the structure we put TRF President beside/below the Board, and not above it.
Susan made a motion to put in the Echoes the idea of brainstorming by the worldwide membership on the future improvement of TRF, explaining the process so members can start preparing their mind to do the brainstorming, and requesting for people who want to be coordinators for the process, who must also be able to speak English in addition to their local language. Patricia seconded the motion: Roll Call: Solomon, Neil, Patricia, Susan, Augustine, Marco. Motion unanimously carried.

Reminder to defaulting members: Augustine: suggested that a reminder be sent to defaulting members before they are taken of and made inactive. He also wanted to know what the five steps to becoming a probationer are. Jean explained: Step 1- three questions to be answered before they can proceed to the next step. Step 2 - A form to be completed on personal information. Augustine said information on step 1 was sent to him but none of the members in the list Jean sent to him was sent that information. Jean said Augustine was supposed to give the document to candidates in Ghana. Augustine promised to do that.
Augustine also informed Jean that when the July August letters arrived in Ghana, it was noted that a lot of members’ letters were not included. Jean explained that when people don’t receive their letters or don’t receive response from headquarters it is their responsibility to provide feedback to headquarters. They can also talk to Augustine who would then inform headquarters about it. Augustine promised to do that.

Astrology course on the website: Neil complained that downloading of the astrology course from the website is not working. Jean explained the course is supposed to be done manually with the hand. He suggested Neil can still talk to Allen Edwall who created the program on the website. Neil will receive Allen Edwall’s email to enable him contact Allen Edwall.

Reinstatement of defaulting members: Solomon asked: those who default and want to be reinstated, who do they direct the request to? Jean explained that it should be addressed to the Esoteric Secretary who will send them a form to complete to start the process of reinstatement. Jean explained the reinstatement process is much simpler for students but more complex for Probationers because it involves breaking of the tie with the Teacher and the need for rebuilding of their spiritual muscle – the soul body. Solomon asked if Jean’s explanation could be put on the Probationers website for them to know what it entails to be reinstated. Augustine said Jean sent him that information which he shared with members in Ghana. Louis thought information about losing status and the process for reinstatement should be made available to all, not only probationers.

Doing the exercises and submitting reports: Augustine asked what happens if someone is doing quite well but for one reason or the other was dropped. Jean said if somebody loses their status it is because they have not fulfill their obligation, which means they will not receive letters from headquarters and they cannot represent TRF. Unless the person indicates by writing that they have a problem or they are not well, they cannot know. The report they send gives a profile of how well they are doing. And if there is any problem the Teacher will prompt them. But they need to communicate with headquarters so headquarters know they have a problem. Augustine wanted to know whether one should mark X or O when one is doing the evening exercise and falls asleep. Jean said you should mark X, and that it is only when you have not attempted the exercise at all before falling asleep that you mark O.

Two documents from Solomon: Due to lack of time these will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

Report on NABPC: at the last meeting Jean reported that the attorney in San Diego succeeded restoring NABPC account with SOS but two days later the opposition went back to change the complaint again. Now they have complained to SOS, the Attorney General, and all other relevant agencies that these people have no right to change the restoration status because their action is fraudulent. The attorney at LA dealing with the deed of trust is still working on the process and also dealing with different aspects of the issue including the building, the rare antiquarian books, the library books, and sensitive files. Foreseeing the challenges ahead, Jean

said they succeeded in taking some rare antiquarian books from the Center and have agreement with TRF to buy the books whenever necessary to pay for the cost of the lawsuit. TRF can resell these books back to NABPC when the legal tussle is over and everything is restored. Now there is no money to pay for the attorneys work. And so Jean was asking permission to sell soke of the Antiquarian books, taken from NABPC before the opposition took over, to TRF so as to continue paying for the attorney's services.
Solomon wanted further understanding of the issues, and Jean explained how some crooks fraudulently took over the NABPC property which was connected to TRF, how they have taken a lawsuit to challenge this fraudulent takeover, and how TRF in sympathy, have agreed to buy the rare antiquarian books from the NABPC to pay for the lawsuit and sell them back when everything is over. **Solomon** asked how we got here. Patricia answered and said she was the one in charge of the Center but they took over when she got sick.
Jean asked if the Board was willing to grant permission to sell the antiquarian books to TRF to pay the bill. Patricia made the motion for TRF to by the books and was seconded by Augustine: Roll Call: Neil, Patricia, Augustine, and Marco voted Yes to the motion. Solomon abstained. Susan and David were not available. Motion passed with four accenting Trustees and one abstension.

• Item 7: Announcement of the date of the next Quarterly Board Meeting:
The next Board Meeting, BOT-QM#3, will be on Saturday October 25, 2025 at 9.00 AM PDT 16.00 UTC.

• Item 8: Meeting Adjournment:
Chair closed the meeting with Student Prayer.
Time: 6:20 am.

Respectfully submitted.

Dewey Ross Duffel ____________________________
Chairman of the Board

Louis Agbe______________
General Secretary