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**AVATAR MEHER BABA'S CIRCLE OF FRIENDS, INC.  
MINUTES OF THE JUNE 1, 2017 BOARD MEETING**

The meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. at THE CIRCLE CENTER, Myrtle Beach Mall

Attendance: Board Members: *Laura Crabtree, Jerry Edwards, Adrienne Kritz-Geller, Ben Hay, Steve Koren, Christina Riley (telephone), Jeff Stearns, Dennis Wolterding.* Guests: *Judy Mangold, Chris Ott, David Silverman.*

Items Discussed: See Agenda for June 1, 2017 Meeting (Attachment 1). Because we did not bring an MP3 recorder, no electronic file of this meeting exists.

**Motions Passed:**

- 1. Motion by Jerry Edwards to Approve the May, 2017 Minutes; seconded by Steve Koren. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- 2. Motion by Jeff Stearns to transfer \$1000.00 from The Circle Center Account to The Circle Operating Fund; seconded by Dennis Wolterding. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- 3. Motion by Christina Riley to create a Standing Committee to be known as the "Programming Committee" and to have as its two Co-chairs, Christina Riley and Don McBride the purpose of which is to create a calendar of annual, likely recurring, events; seconded by Laura Crabtree; PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Highlights of Other Matters Discussed.**

A. Chris Ott discussed the distribution problems with The Circle News including, truncation; non interactivity; Mail Chimp options; and the practical difficulties of including Don McBride's Travel-log. It was generally concluded that The Circle News would be distributed as normal; information would be given recipients on how to click and see the entire newsletter; mail chimp is not helpful and won't be used; and Chris will help Don set up a Blog for his Travel-log or Don can use FACEBOOK.

B. We will need to find a Contractor who is licensed to comply with the Mall's Approval of our doors and obtain a special insurance policy (Christina mentioned a "ghost policy"; Dennis mentioned speaking to our Insurance Broker, Stephanie Lee). No action will be taken until Don M. returns.

C. Jerry Edwards invited the Board to see him and his band perform at the "Old Bull & Bush" in Surfside.

D. Jeff Stearns presented the Treasurer's Report (Attachment 2) and initiated the transfer motion above.

**D2:** Laura Crabtree and Dennis Wolterding emphasized the need to relieve Laura of some of the immense duties that she has taken on. A list with potential candidates to accept some of the tasks was distributed (Attachment 3). Board members were encouraged to study it and decide which duties they might be willing to accept.

E. Ben Hay and Christina Riley discussed possible events, including those that might help the young and address the drug problem among Baba-Lover children. Later, under new business, Christina Riley posited a Standing Programming Committee (see motion above) and also a "Community of



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Caring” concept in which, on a monthly basis, folks would gather at THE CIRCLE CENTER to assess needs in the community and search their hearts to meet them, if only to write cards. The Concept interested many and will be developed more fully by Christina and Ben Hay.

#### Highlights of Other Matters Discussed (Cont'd)

F. A “stable” cleaning date of 6:00 p.m. the first Monday of each new month was discussed. The event would appear in The Circle News. It is uncertain if full agreement was reached. **{This matter needs follow-up}**

G. The Fair Use Policy was further explored. Some ideas that gained general approval were that The Circle will not allow fee-paid events; that art sales, craft fairs and other Circle “Fundraising Events can have revenue split expectations (still they would be donations) and that the Performing Arts might, similarly, be able to have revenue agreements (maybe 50/50 can splits). **{This matter needs follow-up}**

H. Christina explained that the Copyright Permissions for showing films, etc, run annually, so we would not want to enter into them until next January. This does not include places, like the Great Courses, that don't participate in special deals for churches, Dennis pointed out.

I. The Board generally resolved that the Annual Meeting will take place on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 p.m. To 6:30 p.m. Peter Nordeen's name was floated as a possible Keynote Speaker **{This matter needs follow-up}**

J. Dennis broached the idea of a Summer Retreat for the Board; the concept met with some warmth. **{This matter needs follow-up}**

**Adjournment:** Following a motion of adjourn by Dennis, passed unanimously, the meeting ended (time not recorded but around 9:00 p.m.) with the saying of the Beloved God Prayer.

Draft Minutes Respectfully Submitted By Dennis Jan Wolterding to the Board for Approval

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Dennis Jan Wolterding