**Draft Circle Board Minutes September 7, 2016**

**Present:** Dennis Wolterding, President; Jerry Edwards, Vice President; Laura Crabtree, Secretary; Jeff Stearns, Treasurer; Judy Mangold, Director at Large; Steve Koren, Fundraising Director; Don McBride, FEC Director; Adrienne Kritz-Geller, Director at Large; Chris Ott, IT Consultant.

**Motions approved:**

1. Approval of the August 2016 Draft Board Minutes, motion made by President Dennis Wolterding, seconded by Treasurer Jeff Stearns, passed unanimously.

2. Motion to change the order of the Meeting to hear Christopher Ott’s Presentation by President Dennis Wolterding, seconded by Fundraising Director Steve Koren, passed unanimously.

**Brief Reports were given by the Officers and Directors.**

**Points of discussion under Reports, Old and New Business:**

1. Chris Ott went over the rules for The Circle News, made suggestions as to editing the content. Will get with Laura Crabtree on that.
2. The Annual Meeting. Possible dates are Dec. 3,4,10, 11. We will contact Charles Haynes about speaking.
3. Vice President Jerry Edwards will play at The Circle Center the first Friday of every month with his band, Avatar Blue, 5-7 PM. Will also play this coming Friday, September 9th.
4. It was decided by the AMBCOF Board that having Jerry’s gigs prominently advertised in The Circle News does not constitute a conflict of interest.
5. The meeting about The White Pony Express will be either next Monday or Tuesday night at TCC, arranged by Service Director Judy Mangold.
6. FEC Director Don McBride will continue various film series. Copyright issues are yet to be resolved.
7. Fundraising Director Steve Koren will set up a blog and a Twitter account. Laura can send out email blasts on the Fair. We will launch a major fund-raising campaign after the Arts and Crafts Fair.
8. Judy will post our monthly events calendar outside The Circle Center.
9. John Leiter is preparing a Letter of Agreement between the Meher Spiritual Center and Avatar Meher Baba’s Circle of Friends.
10. We are pricing Blue Tooth microphones and also French doors for soundproofing the entrance. Judy will talk to Robin Vogel who can contact Phil Ludwig *re* microphone advice.
11. Rethinking our membership fee: should we waive it?
12. We should have a Christmas tree, menorah, other Avatars represented, Mastery in Servitude plaque**.**
13. Two possible candidates for open Director at Large Position
14. Technology Training Session for Board: Saturday, September 17th, 4 PM.
15. Restocking and refreshments: receipts can go the Laura Crabtree, either paper copies or scanned/photo

16. Laura will photograph the food donation bins and write a brief blurb for The Circle News.

17. We have two new Circle Center volunteers who will be trained soon.

**Treasurer’s Report: Jeff Stearns**

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| **TrDate** | **Tr Descrpt** | **Item** | **OP Trans** | **CF Trans** |
|  |  | **Ending Balances 8/2/16** | **1,426.53** | **3,850.38** |
| 8/2/16 | ck#870002 | Premium Assignment |  | -104.34 |
| 8/2/16 | ck#975007 | Myrtle Beach Mall LLC |  | -850 |
| 8/3/16 | Counter dep | Criley 25, Pkahl 10 |  | 35 |
| 8/5/16 | Paypal |  |  | 373.83 |
| 8/15/16 | Counter dep | Cash from Can |  | 155 |
| 8/15/16 | Counter dep | Lsmith |  | 45 |
| 8/23/16 | reverse |  |  | -45 |
| 8/24/16 | Counter dep |  | 1200 | 442 |
| 8/22/16 | bank chg |  | -10 |  |
| 8/26/16 | Counter dep | Donations |  | 786 |
| 8/30/16 | Ck#870003 | Myrtle Beach Mall |  | -850 |
| 8/30/16 | Ck#870004 | Premium Assignment |  | -104.34 |
| 8/31/16 | Counter dep | Cash Effort and Grace |  | 77 |
| 8/31/16 | Online pay | Santee Cooper |  | -176.96 |
| 9/6/16 | Counter dep | Donations |  | 443 |
|  |  | Donations |  | 275 |
| 8/31/16 | Ck#870010 | Chris Ott IT service | -150 |  |
| 9/1/16 | WPY | Circle Donation to Family | -100 |  |
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|  |  | **Ending Balances 9/6/16** | **2,266.53** | **4,351.57** |
| 9/6/16 | Paypal | Donations |  | 654.75 |
| 9/8/16 |  | **Ending Balances 9/8/16** | **2,266.53** | **5006.32** |

Note: the above has been redacted to protect privacy.

The Meeting was adjourned with the Beloved God Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Crabtree, Secretary