Jackson Family Center for Ethics and Values
Board of Directors Meeting
February 17, 2016
5:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Nils Rauhut  Laura Hoy  Rachel Gandy
Jeanne Mize  Claudia McCullough  David Holiday
Brian Edgerton  John Beard  Dan Ennis
Holley Tankersley  Stovall Witte  Jamia Richmond
Marva Lackey  Kristi Forbus

1. Welcome

Nils Rauhut welcomed everyone to the board meeting and then turned it over to Laura Hoy for the official welcome. Laura Hoy welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. She acknowledged her sisters Jeanne Mize, and Rachel Gandy, as well as the founding director of the Jackson Center, Claudia McCullough in attendance.

2. Director's Report

Nils began with asking the Board to check over the meeting minutes from the last board meeting (10/29/16). After they were checked, Nils accepted a motion to approve the minutes and Claudia seconded this motion. All Board members in attendance voted to approve the previous meeting minutes.
2.1 Ethics and Leadership Academy

Nils reviewed the statistics for the 2016 Ethics and Leadership Academy with the board (attached). He highlighted some of the key areas for planning the Ethics and Leadership Academy for upcoming years. Nils noted that the attendance was lower than previous years, due to planning the event on President’s Day to better accommodate the school schedule for Horry County Schools. This led to transportation issues for some of the interested schools. David Holiday presented a slideshow of photos from the event. Claudia inquired about obtaining a copy of “Leave no Trace” the presentation by Laura Baird, for the Jackson Center’s library. Nils will check to see if we can have a copy. Laura Hoy noted that while the students suggest it, adding more grades does not work out well. Claudia suggested we find a way to follow students who attend the Ethics Academy to see how it affects them. Before moving to the next topic, Nils noted that he is having an interview with Radio Baha’i on Friday 02/19. The board requested information about the airtime, or a recording if it is possible.

2.2 Webpage updates – Jackson Scholar Video

David played a video highlighting recently graduating scholars’ time in the program, photos of previous classes and events, and an overview of the program to be used as a recruitment tool for the Jackson Scholar Program webpage. John Beard suggested that a clip of
Nils speaking about the program should be added. Claudia suggested a page be made for the Website, under the name of “Where are they now?” to highlight Alumni of the program, and show the benefits of the Ethics and Leadership training it provides.

2.3 Events on Social Justice - Ben Laurence & Communities of Faith

David gave a brief overview of visiting ethicist, Ben Laurence's presentation on Social Inequality and Democracy. When he was finished Nils asked Marva Lackey to review the event that is being organized as a follow-up to Ben Laurence's talk. Marva Lackey, Nils Rauhut, Bobby Wilkes, Jean Cobb, Carolyn Ellis, Ron Hendrix, Gina Markland, and Harold and Ann Campbell organized the second event as a panel discussion. The panel will consist of Samih Baalbaki, Reverend Cheryl Adamson, and Rabbi David Wiseman. After the talk an evaluation form will be given to those in attendance, to express interest about the talk, and other events that can be scheduled. Marva also noted that there is a Justice Committee in Charleston that examines issues of social inequality to determine the responsible parties in those cases, and hold them accountable.

2.3 Coastal Samaritan Counseling Center – Ethics in Business Award

Nils expressed concern to the Board about the Ethics award discussed at the 10/29 meeting. He has not heard from the CSCC since that
meeting. He will follow up with CSCC, and update the board with any news on the CSCC’s awards program.

2.4 Current State of Jackson Scholar Program

Nils highlighted the growth of the Jackson Scholar program over time. Growing from 4 students when the program was created to 16 students this year. He noted that due to the size of the program over 50% of the budget is used on stipends for the Jackson Scholars. Due to this Nils requested the opinions of the board on capping the program near 16 students, or to continue growing the program larger. Claudia expressed that she feels it gives a sense of honor of being in the program if it has a cap on the number of students, instead of a “come one, come all” entrance/admission. Dan Ennis stated he prefers the number of students around 16 as it allows the program to grow, but also allows for attrition without harming the program.

Freshman Class
8 students – 3.87 GPA

Senior Class
8 students (down from 12) – 3.69 GPA

Alumni
Multiple in graduate programs, Darcy Barr was just accepted in to Medical School in Spartanburg.

2.5 Planning for Fall 2016 Events

In the planning stages for Fall 2016 Kristi Forbus is working on an event with members of the CCU campus on male and female body images. This will encompass societal standards, eating disorders and
other topic areas. The board agreed with this being an event for the Fall 2016 calendar.

3. Budget Report

Nils presented the budget report for this fiscal year’s spending. There is ~$4800 left in the budget for the remaining portion of the year. A copy of the budget report is attached to the meeting minutes.

4. For the Good of the Order

Nils thanked everyone for coming, and inquired if there were any other matters to discuss. Nils closed the meeting with another to be schedule in April 2016.