

Sharon House Board Report

April 28, 2018

I am pleased to present the Sharon House Board report. During the year Board member Tara Rishter resigned from the Board. We thank Tara for her dedicated service over X years. We decided to wait until this meeting to replace her on the Board.

Both Barb Waite and I began our terms on the Board last annual meeting joining more seasoned members Brian Zavitz and Fred Buckland. Barb and I both have a long interest in Sharon House and have served in various capacities in the past. For all of us it has been a year of careful review of the activities of Sharon House and the motivations that support these activities. In Science and Health, MBE refers to "... sweet seasons of renewal ...". Although she was explicitly referring to marriage I found that this was relevant to our careful reflection this year.

In the fall the Board met with the local nurses involved in the 24/7 program to hear their perspectives on the needs of the field, their nursing practices, and potential uses of the house. We spoke to nurses outside of our immediate field and we met with a local practitioner who was a former Board member. She recommended a workshop that Tenacre (a nursing organization in the US) puts on for interested Christian Science groups. As part of "renewal" thinking we proceeded with this workshop inviting the Board, our nurses, local practitioners, and some advocates. We hosted this in early March. Personally I found it very helpful to renovate some of my thinking about nursing and my individual practice. As a direct result, I was able to apply the inspiration of that day to a work situation and witnessed much positive fruitage.

As a result of this progression in thought this year, the SH Board is committed to a careful review of our activities or potential activities. How to best serve our community? Are the current programs consistent with this desire to best serve? We do note that the house itself is not heavily used and we want to address this as well. Are there other potential uses? In this reflective period, we do want to include you, our members in thinking these through. We will not be making significant changes without broad consultation.

Since we found the workshop so helpful we would like to host a second one, open to members more broadly to our Christian Science community.

Finally we want to thank you for your continued support of Sharon House and Christian Science healing.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Gough,
SH President on behalf of the SH Board