

Sangha Service Committee
March 24, 2013
Agenda

Opening Prayer (Cyprian)
Additional Agenda Items
Treasury Report (Jerry)

Income

Meetings:	\$1051.
Donation Box	184.
NYEve Vigil	502.
Room use	250.
Room use	250.
total	<u>\$2235.</u>

Expense

Rent	\$1250.
Honoraria	110.
DonationRCNV	500.
Supply NYEve	45.57
State of CA	20.
Website startup	59.
Retreat insurance	287.
total	<u>\$2272.47</u>

Bank Balance 3/24/2013 \$549.33

Donation for Voices of Angels Conference

Approved a donation of \$200 to Voices of Angels in support of conference on April 12 "Transforming Grief/Moving Towards Justice". Shannon's work with the incarcerated is in line with the peacemaking work of Sangha Shantivanam.

Stipends for Cyprian

There was agreement to provide Cyprian with reimbursement for all travel expenses to come from Hermitage for our meetings (\$40/trip). We paid a sum of \$200. to The Hermitage retroactive to his moving there.

Budget for Retreat

Service Committee approved providing one partial scholarship for retreat (\$100) as well as Cyprian's cost for retreat

Review of All-Sangha conversation held in January (Sarojani)

Identify some priorities based on feedback

After reviewing all of our notes from the all-sangha meeting, we decided to:

1. Create a series of study-meetings on the expression of the Divine Feminine through the poetry of Mirabai and Rabia (Radha will present). Other women suggested to study were Hildegard de

- Bingen, Theresa of Avila, Amma. Sarojani will research a book we might read together which identifies women mystics.
2. Add two more one-day Sangha retreats (one in January and July) which will be local and affordable. We will continue with our Fall one day retreat and weekend retreat after Easter. It was also suggested that we book a weekend sangha retreat at The Hermitage Fall 2014.

Creation of "Satsang" (small group gathering/Laurie Bair)

There was great enthusiasm for the launch of the Sangha Satsang. It will meet at 4:45 before every sangha meeting (except when there is a service mtg.) for people to come together to share personal practice and journey. It will be open to all interested at any time.

Confirm calendar and study topics for spring/summer (Cyprian)

April 5-7 Retreat St. Francis
April 21 Study of Bede Griffiths Text (to be determined by Cyprian)
May 5 Study of Bede Griffiths Text (to be determined by Cyprian)
May 18 Maha Samadhi one day retreat (Pacific Grove)
May 19 No Sangha Meeting
June 9 Mirabai and Rabia
June 23 Divine Feminine
July 7 "
July 21 "
August 4 TBD
August 18 TBD
September Fall one day Retreat TBD

Discuss tasks on Service Committee and rotation of leadership and participation (Ziggy)

All are in agreement that rotation of leadership is important for the health of Sangha Shantivanam. Each member of the Service Committee contributes a minimum of three years of service. To make room for new people to serve, it was suggested that each person review their commitment. Ziggy announced that she will step away as secretary at the end of June. She is willing to continue serving on the service committee if needed. Jerry has agreed to be treasurer for one more year. We will encourage others to step forward to offer their service on behalf of sangha shantivanam. Election of new members takes place in June.

Report on Spring Retreat at St. Francis (Radha)

After some discussion, we agreed that we will be clearer in the future about roles and responsibilities regarding registration and communication as there were some snags. Next year we will need to increase the cost of the retreat slightly to account for insurance.

Schedule: Radha will work with Cyprian

Fundraiser for Bless School and Bede's Mahasamadhi Retreat (May 17/18)(Ziggy/Judy)

PR:Ziggy announced that we need a graphic designer to help with poster. Tickets will be at the door only this year.

Hospitality: Judy will be working with the venue to handle details of the retreat.

18 Cyprian will identify any needs he has regarding set-up/sound needs for concert on May

Set date for Sangha room/spring cleaning (identify other needs)

Radha will work with Jerry to identify a date for spring cleaning and invite others in sangha to help out.

Report on Website Development (Ziggy)

Kay Giles is working with Sylvia, Janis and Ziggy to complete gathering content for our new website.

AKA it is under construction.

Next Service Cttee Meeting: May 5 at 5:00PM

Addendum to Minutes:

At our Sangha meeting we asked for suggestions of other topics for study.

Included:

Sikhism

Thich Nhat Hanh

Yoga sutras

Tantra

Cyprian's new book

Anandamayi Ma

Minutes submitted by Ziggy