

**Sangha Shantivanam Service Committee Minutes**  
**Monday, May 11, 2015.**

**1. Secretary Position filled**

Two people volunteered to share secretarial duties. Judy Neary and Sylvia Deck will back each other up. Judy will prepare the minutes from the Service Committee Meetings and develop future Service Committee meeting agendas with input from Sangha participants and service committee. Sylvia Deck will distribute minutes to the members which will then be posted to the Sanghashanti.net website, as well as contribute pictures and current announcements. Kay has generously agreed to continue to maintain and update the website as needed. This arrangement was approved by a vote of the Service Committee members present.

**2. Treasurer's Report:**

\$2378 in accounts, but \$190.00 is due to Tent of Abraham and \$313.00 is owed from New Year's Eve leaving us with \$1875.00 in our account. No decision yet for allocation of \$350.00 in donations from New Year's Eve Vigil. However, a vote was taken by the Service Committee to make the New Year's Eve Vigil donation \$500.00.

- 3. Policy for Charitable Giving** The Service Committee discussed possible charitable organizations to which to donate the money from the New Year's Eve Vigil. Two organizations were suggested that possibly fit in with the Sangha policy for charitable giving: the *Resource Center for Non-violence* (which has received funds from Sangha previously and the *I.F. Integrity Foundation*. [See note below regarding this policy.] No vote was taken. The matter will be discussed and decided at the Sangha meeting on Sunday, May 24, with input from the Sangha membership.

Sangha Charitable Giving Guidelines:

Sangha will make donations to charitable groups in keeping with our mission statement, as follows:

1. Build greater understanding of the world's spiritual traditions
2. Support New Camaldoli Hermitage, Big Sur
3. Encourage efforts to bring peace in areas of conflict especially where religious differences are at the root of such conflict

**4. New Members voted into Service Committee**

A motion was made and seconded to accept three Sangha volunteers who are willing to serve on the Service Committee: Jane McCormick Crowley, Sylvia Deck, and Joe Neary. They were voted in by the Service Committee members present. There are now eleven members on the Service Committee.

**5. GOOD NEWS - Service Committee meetings open to all**

The Service Committee has voted to open the meetings to all Sangha participants.

**6. Service Committee Meeting Calendar and Location**

Due to the difficulty of some of the Service Committee Members meeting on Monday, it was decided that the Service Committee Meetings will take place on Sundays at 4 PM. The new location for the Service Committee meetings is: The Episcopal Church of St. John, 125 Canterbury Dr., Aptos, CA

The following dates were set up for upcoming Service Committee meetings starting at 4 PM: Sunday, June 28th, Sunday, August 23rd (after the retreat), Sunday, October 26.

**7. SAVE THE DATE: Fall Field Trip to Hermitage -- Saturday, Sept.26, 2015**

Plans are in preparation for a Fall Day Sangha Retreat at the Hermitage. Topic to be determined. There will be a morning conference with Father Cyprian, Mass at 11:30 AM, pot-luck picnic lunch (bring something to share and eat at picnic tables), and an afternoon conference with one of the monks. There will soon be a flyer on the website. Sylvia will be letting us know more about this.

**8. Fundraiser & Concert to celebrate Father Cyprian's new Book TBA-**

Originally scheduled for June, this event has been postponed. Please watch for news of this later in the year.

**9. Please mark your calendars: Upcoming Sangha Shantivanam Meetings**

As had been announced, meetings will alternate between Sundays and Mondays.  
Upcoming Meetings:

Sunday, May 24	- 6 PM - Episcopal Church of St. John, Aptos
Monday, June 8	- 6 PM - Ziggy's home - 519 Van Ness Avenue
Sunday, June 28	- 6 PM - Location to be determined
Monday, July 13	- 6 PM - Location to be determined
Sunday, July 26	- 6PM - Episcopal Church of St. John, Aptos
Monday, August 10	- 6PM- Location to be determined

**NOTE:** Cyprian also encourages us to attend the retreat he is co-leading at Vajrapani Retreat Center in Boulder Creek August 20-23.

Sunday, August 23	-6 PM (after Retreat)- Episcopal Church of St. John, Aptos
Monday, September 14	-6 PM Location to be determined
Saturday, September 26	FIELD TRIP TO HERMITAGE

**Please stay tuned for location of meetings. The work is progressing on Holy Cross High School.**

**10.** The Service Committee voted to study Cyprian's new book, *Spirit, Soul, Body* for the next few meetings. We need other ideas from the membership as to possible topics.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Neary**