

SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING

DRAFT MINUTES
SANGHA SHANTIVANAM
126 High Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

The following is an account of the minutes taken on 11/03/13 at the regularly scheduled Service Committee Meeting of Sangha Shantivanam held in the Sangha room.

CALL TO ORDER

- a. Sangha service committee members present were: Dennis, Radha, Judy, Kay, Sarojani, Ziggy, Tim

I. ANNUAL SPRING RETREAT

- a. **REPORT:** Radha reported that she has been working to reserve St Francis Retreat Center for the spring retreat near the end of May 2014
 - i. But the concerns were, we need to have 22 committed and that Cyprian would be there for only 1 day
 - ii. Radha also talked about doing the retreat at the Villa del Mar in Santa Cruz, meeting in the Josephine Room
 - iii. Costs for the Villa: one day \$40 including morning snack and lunch, April 26, 7 am – 5 pm. If we chose to reserve the room all day, 4/26 until 9 pm, the cost would be \$60 for the full day (including a dinner)
 - iv. Another option: adding Friday evening (4/25) to all day Saturday, 4/25-26, would cost an additional \$30 for Friday evening (including dinner)
 - v. Next option: have a 3 day retreat, including Sunday, 4/27, 7 am until 2 pm, total cost for all 3 days including meals \$130
- b. **ACTION:** Radha will cancel the reservation at St Francis Retreat Center and instead reserve the Villa del Mar option
 - i. Further conversation from Radha indicated we could have the Villa including Friday evening, all day Saturday (possibly including the evening) and Sunday morning
 - ii. An email was sent out to canvass options (1, 2, 3 day) for the Villa
 - iii. **ACTION UPDATE**
 - 1. Radha has reserved the Villa for the 3 days pending decision from us on how many days we want to have for the retreat (is this correct Radha??)

II. NEW YEAR'S EVE VIGIL, Tuesday evening, 12/31/2013

- a. Wide ranging conversation on details
 - i. Presentations by different groups (than we have had..)

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- ii. Have a 'prayer service' vs mass, etc
- iii. Who to invite
- iv. Many items on a TO DO list
 - 1. PR, program, flyer, advertise, reserve Hall, set up crews, hospitality, tear down crew, engage sangha community
- b. **ACTION:** Dennis created a 'NEXT STEPS' & who 'will act on it' list, and he recommended contact made by November 8:
 - i. Host: ask Gatanjili & Charlie – Sarojani will contact
 - ii. Land of Medicine Buddha (Tibetan) – Dennis will contact
 - iii. SC Zen Center – Ziggy will contact
 - iv. Native American – Tim will contact
 - v. Jewish/Temple Beth El – Sarojani will contact
 - vi. Quakers – Dennis will contact
 - vii. Greek Orthodox/Prophet Elias – Dennis will contact
 - viii. Hare Krishna/One – Dennis will contact
 - ix. Bahai/Ann Miller – Dennis will contact
 - x. African Methodist – Dennis will contact
 - xi. Kundalini Yoga/Sikh – Tim will contact
 - xii. Islam – Ziggy will contact
 - xiii. Resource Center for nonviolence – Ziggy will contact
- c. **ACTION:** regarding the end of the NY Eve Vigil, proposal is to end at ~11:30 pm, have a short (10 minute) break, 11:40 – Midnight have meditation; ring the bell at midnight
- d. Contact results:
 - i. Sarojani reports that Rabbi Paula will NOT be able to participate; Sarojani waiting for other recommendation from Paula (Radha mentioned Rabbi Eli)

III. JANUARY 11, 2014 (Saturday) ONE DAY RETREAT AT HERMITAGE

- a. Judy is the lead on planning for this retreat; Kay to re-check with the Hermitage to make sure they know about it
- b. Its on Cyprian's calendar

IV. FALL RETREAT OCTOBER 2014 AT THE HERMITAGE

- a. Kay to contact the Hermitage regarding availability; October 3-5, 2014 is available and will get it booked
- b. Arrival on Friday 10/3, check in by 4 pm; departure Sunday 10/5, after lunch
- c. Details to follow

V. NEXT SANGHA MEETING NOVEMBER 17

- a. Tim to contact Susan Mahan; she is available
- b. Susan's presentation will be "The Divine Feminine in Christianity, Part 2"
- c. The sangha will give her a \$50 honorarium

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VI. TREASURY REPORT

- a. The report submitted by Jerry is attached in email

VII. NEXT SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING – DECEMBER 1

- a. It is proposed that we will have bi-monthly service committee meetings in 2014, i.e., February, April, June, August, October, December (with Fr Cyprian to attend quarterly if possible)