

Minutes

Attendees: Denis, Radha, Judy, Kay, Ziggy, Tim, Sr Barbara, Jerry

- I. **Treasurer Report**, Jerry
 - a. Still need to pay New Year's Eve Vigil bills
 - b. Currently have \$2786 in the bank
 - c. Fiscal Year 2013
 - i. Income: \$7193.00
 - ii. Expenses: \$6828.00
 - d. Report financials for Nov 2013 through Jan 31, 2014:
 - i. Income \$1761.00
 - ii. Expenses \$1125.89
 - e. Discussion topics:
 - i. Open discussion on how much money to be kept in the bank, perhaps, more discussion required, but some consensus indicated keeping a reserve of about 6 months operating expenses (which would total about \$1800)
 - ii. Develop a donation plan / policy and put to the membership for comment, and post a listing of donations (date, to who and how much) on the web site
 - iii. Set up an address for the sangha (and not use Jerry's personal home address going forward) and create sangha letterhead for work as treasurer
 - f. **ACTION:**
 - i. Sr Barbara will look into setting up the address and report back to service committee
 - ii. Ask Sylvia, perhaps, to design letterhead..

- II. **Report: New Year's Eve Vigil** – Wrap Up, Denis
 - a. A big THANK YOU to all
 - b. Annie did a great job on the programs and all else, as well as Janis
 - c. He was (a bit) surprised at how difficult it was to get responses back from those invited
 - d. He suggested that expanding the program was good in theory, but felt the feedback was that.. maybe smaller is better (??)
 - e. We didn't have quite as much meditation this year
 - f. We did have 8 performers this year
 - g. Some people came early – starting time confusion some thought it started earlier that it did

- h. Felt a challenge was publicity – probably not enough of it, and not early enough
- i. **ACTION ITEMS:**
 - i. Give 'gifts' to each presenter, a thank you letter, &/or make a donation to 'something' in appreciation for their participations
 - ii. Ceate a 'Project Book'
 - iii. Denis to start a search for a standing committee to plan and execute next year's NY Eve Vigil and report back to service committee in April
 - iv. Denis to write text for a thank you letter to be sent from the sangha (bgsangha1@gmail.com)
 - v. Denis send email to Annie to get the bills for Jerry to pay

- III. Future meeting comments
 - a. We will always have meetings
 - b. Develop process to identify meeting leaders for meetings
 - c. Consider showing Fr Cyprian's videos (& youtube videos)
 - i. Sr Barbara offered \$ support towards making CC's videos, (defray costs towards Devan)
 - ii. Tim to communicate with Fr Cyprian about using skype for facetime
 - iii. Radha suggested showing a portion of a video and then use skype with Fr Cyprian for question / answer
 - d. Poem readings
 - e. Lectio divina
 - f. (just) meditation
 - g. Fr Thomas Matus (needs transport)
 - h. Do an overview of what we 'should' study and get an idea of what Fr Cyprian is available for