

SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING

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The following is an account of the minutes taken on 3/2/14 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: Radha, Tim, Jerry, Sr Barbara, Sarojani, Fr Cyprian, Judy, Kay

I. Morgan Taylor (and Tim) discussion regarding amendments to the sangha Bylaws

- a. Points to consider
 - i. Clarify which way we want to govern ourselves... get clarity
 - ii. Define what the terms membership and non-membership mean
 1. Membership: all members get to vote on 'everything'
 2. Non-membership: all decisions, voting made by the service committee (i.e., board governed)
 - iii. Jerry is the 'sole incorporated member', he has the 'authority' to appoint members to the service committee
 1. He filed for the 501(c)(3) non-profit status
 - iv. The sangha is a 'public benefit corporation'
 1. Which can exist without 'members' (meaning those who vote and make decisions)
 2. Decisions / voting done by the service committee
 - v. Need to recognize in the text of the bylaws changes in the service committee, i.e., resignations &/or appointments of new service committee members
 - vi. The service committee is self-perpetuating... appoint 'whoever' for the next opening(s)
 - vii. The service committee can do business via email
 1. For example, pass a resolution by email
 2. But must have a consent form on file from each service committee member
 3. AND, EVERYONE has to respond to the email
 4. There is a form for this

b. ACTION(s)

- i. Morgan to look over the bylaws text, and add suggested amendments
- ii. Jerry to send Tim & Kay a bylaws electronic file
 1. Reverse the PDF file to a Word doc for Morgan (Tim / his secretary create the Word doc)
- iii. Morgan to send to Tim the consent form for doing business via email
- iv. Morgan works on amending the bylaws for the service committee to review, make comments (if any) and votes to approve the text

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II. Radha: The sangha's Annual Spring Retreat, April 25-26, at the Villa

- a. Fr Cyprian can stay in the Josephine House Friday night, April 25
- b. In addition to meeting in the Josephine House for our meetings, we also have access to the chapel and the dining room (after lunch)
- c. Meals will be served in the dining room
- d. Discussion about yoga, perhaps set up in the dining hall after moving tables & chairs (I did not get all the context of this conversation, so please update the info for what I may have left out)
- e. Propose that each person pay directly to the Villa for whatever they choose to participate in
- f. Propose donation for Fr Cyprian be given directly to Fr Cyprian / NCH
- g. Retreat topic
 - i. Potentially have 4 sessions (Friday evening, Saturday morning, afternoon, evening)
 - ii. Topic suggestion: "Selected Topics on the Thought of Bede Griffiths"
- h. After the Spring Retreat (4/25-26) Radha will retire from leading the retreats activity and leave the service committee

III. Benefit concert, Sunday, May 25, 7 pm (Memorial Day Holiday weekend)

- a. ACTION(s):
 - i. Sr Barbara to check to see if the hall and church is available on Sunday, May 25
 - ii. Have a reception and dessert after the concert
 - iii. Cost of ticket includes dessert in the hall at the reception
 - iv. The concert will be at 7 pm in the church (reception/dessert after the concert)
 - v. A LOT OF PEOPLE are needed to help work on the concert
 - vi. Sarojani will lead the arrangements for the benefit concert, reception and dessert
 - vii. Sr Barbara will handle publication 'inside' the church
 - viii. Also, messaging needs to go out to oblates, The Sentinel, etc

IV. Calendar content, Fr Cyprian

- a. On June 22, Fr Cyprian and John will come to the sangha meeting
- b. Topic: 'Christian Yoga'
- c. We will have a service committee meeting at 4 pm, Sunday, 6/22

V. Other business

- a. Jerry asked Sr Barbara for an 'official' sangha address (at Holy Cross Church)
- b. Sr Barbara asked about 'strengthening' our sangha association with the hermitage – generate ideas on how to support NCH better
 - i. Possibly a yurt (on a wooden platform) that would be "off the grid" (not needing an electrical hookup)