

Sangha Shanativanam Service Committee Meeting & other Notes  
Monday, July 13, 2015

The Service Committee met briefly before this past Monday's meeting to discuss the September 4th Book Signing and Fundraiser at Holy Cross Hall. Sarojani will be asking Fr. Cyprian for his input regarding a title for the event (Stories, Songs and ? Or?). Ziggy will ask her son Jonathan to do the graphics for a flyer. Area churches and interfaith groups will be contacted as well as friends of Cyprian's and the Hermitage. Both Sarojani and Ziggy will be in contact with him regarding the details of securing books for the event - either through the Hermitage Bookstore or directly from Liturgical Press. We discussed potential beneficiaries of the event and will make a decision soon. We also would like to see the Hermitage receive donations, either from ticket sales or book sales. Again, Ziggy will discuss these ideas with Cyprian.

What is needed, besides a "catchy" title and help with publicizing the event (**every member is asked to invite five people.**):

1. Vegan Desserts
2. Tea
3. Hospitality - folks to greet people and take \$
4. Set up and clean up
5. Outdoor signs

Sr. Barbara will provide whatever is needed for Sound. Mary Thomas has offered to help Sarojani, and Radha will also be asked.

Anyone who can help in any way is invited to contact Sarojani - [sarojanir@gmail.com](mailto:sarojanir@gmail.com)

Suggested Schedule: Friday, September 4th, 7:30 - 9 p.m with a dessert/break in the middle. Since this will be "First Friday" in downtown Santa Cruz, publicity can include an invitation to park free at Holy Cross and participate in the evening.

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The rest of the evening was devoted to prayer, meditation and a thought-provoking discussion of Chapter 8 of *Spirit, Soul, Body*. Thanks to Ziggy who led our discussion, to all who brought summer salads and an array of snacks and to God for providing a warm summer wind.

Please mark your calendars for the next meeting - SUNDAY, JULY 26th at St. John's Episcopal Church in Aptos. Penelope and Patrick, who just returned from a retreat studying Thomas Keating, author of *Open Mind, Open Heart*, suggested we watch a new video based on his teachings: "Thomas Keating, A Rising Tide of Silence." We will watch the first half of the video and then discuss it. Penelope called the video "amazing." For those familiar with Thomas Keating and those who are not, this should be a stimulating evening.

Till then, peace -

Sylvia

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