

Deep Spring Center Board of Directors Meeting
June 1, 2015, 6:30 pm @ Deep Spring Center
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Attending: Rori Stienstra, Amy Koch, Barbara Brodsky, Beth Mulder, Kay Mahan (board adjunct), Jason Riggs, Tony Rome, Tana Dean (om), Adriana Medina (guest)

Not attending: Elizabeth Cheslak

Brief Sitting

Agenda

- I. Sangha commentary (5 min per person)
- II. Comments regarding DSC vision (20 min / All)
 - Vision of Emrich where other teachers and sister sanghas would begin taking over Emrich retreat
 - Stand alone center, as opposed to continuing the expense of office space and perhaps sharing costs with other centers. However, much gratitude for the space instead of having to look for and rent space.
 - New changes are channeling circle (Friday evenings) and Remembering Wholeness (beginning this fall).
 - Interest in training for medical practitioners who want to add meditation into their patient's lives and promote those practitioners
 - Keeping Vipassana at the center, many people are looking for this. Vipassana will set the center aside from other spiritual centers by being consistent with the dharma
- III. Board membership (10 min / All)
 - Thank You to Adriana Medina for attending the board meeting, she is considering being on the board of directors.
- IV. Retreat committee reports (20 min / All)
 - Updated financials (Tana)
 - Retreat pricing - Fall retreat pricing approved (Amy)
 - Retreat discussion - Emrich retreat (See VI-B.)
- IV. Adjunct Treasurer's report (10 min-Kay)
April Actuals
 - The center continues to hold on well and is actually doing better in some areas than last year.
 - Beth Mulder will be exploring different ways of creating reports.
- Budget proposal follow up
 - No need to address the budget, it is set for the year.
- VI. Teachers' Council report (10 min-Amy)
 - A. September Day of Meditation fundraiser
 - Tana will get in touch with Elizabeth Cheslak to begin preparation for marketing.
 - B. Plan for fall classes
 - Not much interest in teaching right now. Amy Koch may be doing workshops. Amy Koch and Adriana Medina will connect to discuss a fall class schedule. Jason Riggs is looking to be a teacher. Lots of discussion about training, training and the future, perhaps with a certification of some sort.

- **Emrich** is doing well and has a few more people to register. In the rebuilding process we need to have a thoughtful discussion about supporting Emrich even though it succeeded, it is financially very risky. Discussion about bringing in other DSC teachers who would teach dharma along with Barbara and John Orr. Providing instruction and talks with DSC teachers, and a need to expand, Emrich can accommodate it all, this is a turning point. There is enough room at Emrich where we could have different meetings going with different teachers so people can choose their interests and if we have it at capacity there will be plenty of support for that. The planning needs to include the teachers, the ones focusing on vipassana and meditation practice. Support for Barbara is important with a retreat committee that creates the schedule and does the coordination work.
- Rori will be securing Emrich for next summer.

VII. July Fundraiser (15 min-All)

- Rori has made some drafts of posts. Less is more, not too wordy. Barbara to do the final email. Tana will try to schedule and create 2 – 2 minute videos to be included in the emails.

VIII. Remembering Wholeness at DSC (10 min-All)

- Amy Koch is planning to share the organization on this. Tana is looking to get it ready for marketing. Tentative dates: Aug. 29 and Oct. 11. (Are the dates tentative?)

IX. Administrative Issues (15 min-Tana)

A. Website update

Tana spent time showing the board the new website, which is getting close to launch. They approved it and approved her releasing the site when she thinks it is ready, knowing that everything from the old site has not been transferred.

B. Meetup group – meetup.com – costs: \$9.99 mo. Tana will connect with Elizabeth to work on launching. The board approved the monthly costs in an effort to market to a local audience, particularly the Sunday Sittings.

C. Office manager review is due in June.

D. Sending \$500 deposit for fall retreat at Oakwood Retreat Center in Selma, IN.

E. Tana handed in the first invoice and was paid for web development, the invoice was approved by the board.

F. Steiner has not sent billing for the March retreat, Tana will contact them again so the center can make the final payment for this retreat.

X. Calendar

Next meeting: June 22, 2015 at 6:30 pm at Deep Spring Center.

Meeting Adjourned at: 9:00 pm, Thank You to the board for staying late to review the website and approve launching it in about 2 weeks.

Lovingly submitted by Tana Dean in the absence of Elizabeth Cheslak