

DEEP SPRING CENTER
DSC Board Meeting Agenda
March 31, 2016 at 6:30 PM

Location: Interfaith Center, Airport Blvd

Attendees: Barbara Brodsky, Rori Stienstra, Amy Koch, Elizabeth Cheslak, Mary Lawton (by phone), Tana Dean,

Brief Sitting

Agenda

I. DSC move to Interfaith Center

Only issue with classes so far is with how to handle door locking after the class starts. ? to talk to Delyth.

Sunday sitting is gaining participants. Dottie's intro meditation class went well.

Email from Gregg: Delyth talked to him. She was asked if she could remove the posts on Meetup. He has been offered the opportunity to speak with Barbara and has not responded.

Question of division of DANA when classes are offered: DSC member would like to suggest teacher should be ½, and rest between DSC and Interfaith. If the class is paid, then the DANA is shared between teachers. If there is a non-DSC teacher, Amy suggests a minimum donation so that teacher can have DANA and Interfaith can also receive some money. Barbara suggests \$10 to Interfaith any time the space is used.

Rori to email Eric about ? having to do with drop ins.

Barbara discussing teaching about DANA and what it is.

Income spreadsheets to be modified to reflect more specifically where the income is going.

Needs assessment will include conversation about how to use DANA and money.

II. Board membership:

Elizabeth is leaving the board :(

Board needs more members. Rori may resign in September. She feels the board structure needs to be re-thought and has a needs assessment we can work with.

Board needs signers for checks and a name on a credit card. Elizabeth will be a check signer until someone new is found.

III. Treasurer's report: Tana explained reports.

IV. Progress with Emrich (I thought Barbara was talking about this for a second but I do not think she did? Fill in here if she did because I could not hear at this point.)

V. Retreat updates

A. April Howell retreat. Probably won't be a money-maker.

B. Fall retreat early discussion:

Board to address numbers/volunteer work presented by Oakwood to make sure DSC can cover all costs for Oct. retreat. Recent email read to board. Oakwood suggesting increased volunteer work, decreased breakfast offerings, donating scholarship space, and donating space to John and Barbara in order to keep costs to \$90 per person per day. Barbara will accept Ted's offer. Tana can get the details to the DSC website (I believe that the dates may be incorrect if we are arriving on Monday?). Rori and Amy will work to calculate the whole retreat pricing.

VI. DSC programs and offerings

A. Sunday sitting (Lalita ill tonight.)

B. Classes and workshops. Barbara to speak with Dan about ongoing classes.

C. Teacher update -

Dottie was brainstorming and felt/mused that rather than 4 hours on Sat for meditation class, do 2 hours on Sat and 2 hours on Sunday. The class could also dovetail with the Sunday sitting. Amy suggested that there could be an update on Sunday before the sitting.

Karen Mori will not be teaching classes any more.

VIII. Needs assessment: priorities and planning for the next year:

Rori suggests that board needs to be more proactive in the growth of the classes and offerings starting in the fall, rather than letting things just happen; goal orientation rather than led by administrative needs/survival mode.

Amy wonders about webinars and other means for technology use to teach the classes. Basics could be taught through webinars after participants pay, then teacher could focus on new instruction. Rori suggests a facilitator available during the webinar times. Amy explained a method that Emma Bragdon uses where they see her teach, then questions are typed to her and she answers the questions.

Amy feels beginning instructions could be online and recorded.

Barbara talked about having a 2 week deepening class by Aaron after the Evenings with Aaron talks so that there is an ongoing deepening of the teachings.

Amy suggested Barbara teach from home with computer camera and recording website.

Retreat committee is needed.

Rori and Amy suggest Sangha meeting this summer. Barbara suggests the meeting at Friend's Lake, and combined with a yearly picnic. Amy would like to see an online forum for people who are not local so that they are included. Sangha has increased worldwide and they may want to contribute with donations and time.

? suggested a 24 hour email-in. Rori suggested an every other month discussion session. Teachers could provide guidance and answers. Barbara could do a dharma question/answer online forum.

Amy wonders about John, who is a part of retreats and could be included in more DSC events. People on the forum could get to know him better.

Technology: Teleconference for Aaron's talk. Tana discussed decreasing class to \$5.00. Idea of monthly donor was presented: Beth and Tana talked about having a monthly donation and giving the donator free conference calls. The incentives would be free conference calls, free audios, and free transcripts right after the presentation. Rori would like to start this now. All members agreed to start this now.

Tana has felt limited by what can be on the website and Rori thinks it is time to "unlimit" the content as long as there is no harm done. We can also start a monthly newsletter.

Amy wonders if Tana can keep a log of the time she spends on duties so we make sure we are using talents appropriately. Ultimately, some tasks could be delegated to volunteers and Tana could do more in the area of her talents. Suggestion that Beth find a system that works for her to do her work with the reports/finances.

Discussion around Vivian, who is organizer for teacher trainings and information dissemination. Question as to whether DSC still needs her and if so, what will her role be? She could be liason between Delyth and DSC, and could relieve Tana of some of her duties. (DSC teachers have moved on so there has been little work for her. However, DSC teachers are now being trained.) Question of new paid positions for retreat managers, class organization managers, etc.

Fundraisers with Beth: emailed description or movie vouchers. This could be repeated every couple months. Garage sale donations. Monthly donors as discussed.

Next meeting Rori would like a comprehensive list for what board is going to do, how it will be done (if known), and a time frame for completion.

Adjourned at 8:53PM

Next meeting: April 25, 6:30 PM

Submitted by Mary Lawton