

Agenda Deep Spring Center Board Meeting
April 25th, 2016

5 minute sit

Sangha commentary 20 min- no members for commentary.

Amy posed questions about how board members see themselves contributing, and where board members see DSC going over the next year:

More outreach into community

Teachers that could teach meditation to schools

Summer festival

Using internet to have classes/connection from all over planet-many using mobile now

Have more volunteer sources for running DSC

Sangha

Supporting the Mother in getting out to as many people as possible

Bring in some Spiritist thought

Supported Mother/Aaron activities as entities are supporting, we also support

Better communication with newcomers and other potential sangha/better communication with everyone.

Find those that are interested in the teachings, archives, retreats from global community.

Find out from people coming to events what they are interested in

How to feel fed/uplifted with offerings

Standardized feedback from participants

Barbara's comments that were emailed prior to the meeting: Guiding teacher, but maybe that could be changed to senior teacher as I would like to see guidance come from all. But i do see myself as guiding teacher too, as someone to hear all the ideas and find ways to hold it all together if there is a seeming disagreement; as someone to hold the vision, though best we all do that together.

And: teaching classes and workshops, teaching the teacher training program, channeling spirit.

A year out:

See center at a point to have enough income from fundraising from donors rather than making expenses from retreats and classes.

More offerings for beginners-meditation

Teacher training class with question orientation rather than agenda orientation

More donors

More classes with Aaron/channeled beings. Other topics.

Place where people want to gather

More cohesiveness within the offerings: each offering seems disjointed from the other so hard to have a cohesive group.

Feel that people care about DSC

More friendships formed/sangha

More RW/Mother/Aaron/entities activities, retreats, workshops

Retreats

Global sangha, use internet to include as many as possible

Get clear about what local sangha wants, who they are, what they want, what they will contribute to keep local sangha going.

More members taking on activities/contribute to help organize/donate/time/energy to hold container for DSC

Fundraise and organize

Barbara's comments: Grounded in vipassana and other related meditation practices, and equally in spirit. Truly being "Deep Spring Center for Meditation and Spiritual Inquiry." All our teachers teaching what they live, whatever best supports them, always consistent with the guideline of "do no harm". Increasing integration of the practices that best support each; how they work together (not always at one time) but that all sincere, heart-centered practices lead us home. Deep communication, respect and listening each to each.

1. Bill from Empire Management for the lease: Amy will talk to Robert and also write a letter stating that DSC will not be paying. Tana says management company will not allow DSC to rent from them again if DSC were to want to.

2. DCS Insurance needs: review committee needed: DSC has insurance policy for teachers on and off site. Check with Delyth to see if patrons are covered for trip/fall basic stuff under Interfaith policy. Amy suggests we may need to re-write policy based on not having a "real" space, since DSC is a "virtual" space. Tana will check with Delyth for on-site activities covered.

3. Money counting and Drop- In Dana sharing procedure: Decided that no procedure needed for counting, unless large amount and someone wants to double check.

Drop in DANA: Given to Tana.

Event with teacher and drop ins: 50% of DANA to DSC, DSC then pays Interfaith 30%.

Classes with fee, DANA goes to teacher.

Amy to talk to Erica about making yoga class arrangements through Interfaith now.

Further talking with Barbara when she returns

4. Follow up after beginning classes: Lalita to write emails for follow-up. Tana to get emails to Lalita. Tana suggests a small survey for participants in the future.

Follow up for workshops and retreats done by Barbara, ask Barbara to write up email.

Ask for testimonials. Mary to email testimonials from Oakwood to Tana.

5. Sharing with the Sangha/Sangha meeting: Amy emailed longer-time teachers if interested in teaching in the future. Some declined, some may. List updated for Tana. Barbara, Dottie, Dan, Frank still teaching. Barbara would like more teacher trainees to work within the classes she teaches.

Amy suggests email invitation to people who have been part of “community” and we have their email (rather than using the word “sangha”), to include more people in new space. Ask to hear from them, and include them in an invitation to the community gathering.

6. Future Retreats:

- a. Need for Retreat Committee/Organization: can be addressed at community meeting
- b. Howell April 2017: need teacher for. Tana feels this needs to be done quickly. Amy to send email to Frank and Dottie to see if they would like to teach this retreat next year.
- c. Steiner 2017: has been reserved.
- d. Steiner 2018 and 2019. Tana to reserve right away.

Consider having Barbara do more in-area activities/retreats to increase community.

Idea: Amy thought to have Motel 6 as “dorm” for out of town participants and have a “retreat” of sorts. Barbara and people nearby can stay at home. Meals and IF space would need to be considered.

7. Monthly donors email request: Tana and Amy to talk to Barbara about writing this letter.

8. Log of Tana’s time: review committee needed: Lalita will work with this.

9. Financials: handing all over to the Treasurer. Amy would like board to consider having all of financials to be done by Beth. That way Tana can have more time for other activity and Beth can create a system that works for her.

Tana went over reports.

10. Emrich action required. Amy to check with someone about a lawyer.

11. Board meetings: number required, meeting over Skype or Zoom: one face two face meeting per year so Amy considering recruiting people from out of region for being on the board.

12. Board members: recruiting out of region See #11. If did over skype and we were all in our homes, Barbara would need signer at her home.

Misc:

Lalita asking where/how to buy tissue and toilet paper. She will buy it and be reimbursed.

DSC white binder for board members that each member needs to have .

Community gathering either June 11 1-3, or June 1 6-8, or May 14 10-12 to include a few minutes with what is going on, but not focus on financials and other heavy material.

Tana and Mary to work with sound at Evenings with Aaron to find out how to make sound better so callers can enjoy the call better.

Please note change in date for next meeting:

Next meeting May 24, 630-8pm at Interfaith.