

Deep Spring Center

Board of Directors Meeting

31 MAY 2020 / 8:00 PM EST / ZOOM

Attendees

Isabelle Mook-Jodouin, Tana Dean, Robert Lee, Roann Altman, Tavis Taylor, Barbara Brodsky, Mary Bruey, Patricia Polanski

Guest: Colette Simone

Aaron's Guidance

My blessings and love to you all. I am Aaron. Virus, riot, tornadoes and hurricanes and whatever else. Before your incarnation, you knew that this was going to be a challenging period on Earth. Although not necessarily more challenging than other periods, each with its own challenges. The qualities most needed in some lifetimes have been strength, or mental facility, or patience. You knew that this time around, it was going to be presence and love. And you did not come to fail.

As you look back on different ages of human history, I think this is going to become known as the age of love. Even the rioting that's happening now: there's a lot of anger, it's like a boil that has been lanced. And it really has to come out. If it's received with anger, it will simply ferment into more anger. Receiving it with love does not mean placidly sitting back and saying, "Sure, go out and destroy", but calling on that in love which is strong and beautiful, and radiating that out to where there is violence fed by fear and pain. This is your time in the history of the world, to demonstrate the power of love and of light. Know that you are not alone. Know how deeply loved, deeply cherished you are, and supported. Truly, all shall be well. But it's going to take a bit of time.

I would add here that I've enjoyed planning the Dharma Path retreat with Barbara, trying to weave together the most important highlights of the past 2 years and how they support each other. As with Barbara, I will not give details here, only I think those of you who are in Dharma Path are going to be delighted with what will be offered and that it will be supportive for you, and speak to what is asked of you in these times. My blessings and love to you.

President's Report

- A. Refer to Ongoing Issues in google drive on a regular basis
- B. Action item list from last meeting(s) or for future meetings ~~known to be completed~~
 - 1. Aaron asked the Board members to do positive manifestation visualization exercise on a daily basis.
 - 2. Each Board member to write up a short bio of themselves and send to Tana to put on the Board members section of the website. (Missing Bob) - 6/24 emailed Colette
 - ~~3. Desja to interview Barbara for Wikipedia article.~~
 - 4. Roann to review Desja's writing of Barbara's info be put on Wikipedia.
 - 5. Tavis to collect information on cost of recording audio books as one of the projects.
 - 6. Board members to put their skillsets into the Google Drive document.

7. Board members to forward any names of suitable sangha members to Bob for new Treasurer position.
8. List of volunteers on Drive, and need a volunteer leader to keep track and send requests to Tana to send out.
9. Another UM department can assist with website/video editing-best to wait for a separate quarter, one student at time.
10. Room for one more board member, 9 max including Barbara (non-voting)
11. Bob to review email asking for fundraising volunteers and treasurer (to be sent after conversation with David)
12. Isabelle to contact new student, Julian, from Barbara's class, to determine skills and if/where he may be interested in volunteering his tech skills.
13. Tavis to write semi-annual fundraising letter.
14. Bob to send Tana his RW email list.
15. Tana to create registration for RW with suggested donation and early deadline, and send out to Bob's RW, Dharma Path and Emerald Isle lists, specifying that we only have 40 spaces, and add note that there will not be a healing intervention in this session.
16. Bob to send list of RW people to Barbara to choose from, and Bob to email those people directly.
17. Tana to ask Debra if she can be Zoom manager for RW session.
18. Pat to work with Barbara, Aaron and John on adapting DP intensive exercises to Zoom format.
19. Pat, Tana, Isabelle and Debra to meet for training around Zoom hosting.
20. Tana to email DP class asking for volunteers to learn Zoom hosting.
21. Isabelle to delete folder Next Meeting Agenda.
22. Isabelle to create a folder on Google Drive for Web Redesign Recommendations
23. Board members to review website this week and post in Web Redesign Recommendations folder on Google Drive.
24. Tana to email Isabelle and Roann to meet to discuss website architecture.
25. Isabelle to invite Julian to help with cutting and pasting task for website redesign, and if interested, Isabelle to invite him to meeting.
26. Tana to ensure all videos have invitation for donation and link.
27. Isabelle to set up and build WordPress site for archives, and work with Roger to upload current archive to new site.
28. Barbara to determine which son will take over DSC property in the event of DSC dissolution.
29. Tavis and Colette to help hold space for Evenings with Aaron.

C. Colette Simone Board applicant

Unanimous vote to accept Colette's application to join the Board.

D. Publishing projects

Audacity training video complete.

Tavis has recorded Time to Speak, Mary editing as initial practice project.

Tavis to resume search for professional narrators.

Mary to edit Time to Speak and 47 Stories of Jesus, but will need someone else to edit other books due to time constraints.

List of books completed on Google Drive.

Teams

Current Financial Update

Budget balanced through June 2021; given current funds, projected monthly donations and 3rd year Dharma Path class, appear to be on budget.

Fundraising

Need another member, preferably a community member.
Need new treasurer. Bob to call David to follow up.

Remembering Wholeness

Last session online very successful - 35 people.
When held locally, dana used to be pooled then split between DSC, Interfaith and Barbara. Need to be clear with participants that Barbara is not receiving dana from registration. Helpful to say so verbally during the session as well.
Having people hold space/energy for Barbara was helpful.
Very positive response to monthly online sessions.
Next session will be in July (date TBD). Will start monthly either in August or September.

Retreats

Dharma Path retreat: June 13-20, Manager Pat Polanski

Is now Zoom only. If shelter in place removed, locals can meet to participate in Zoom as a group, but there will be no in-residence meeting, and those members to coordinate themselves.

Oakwood 2020:

Will be online only, Ruth and Bill doing pre-retreat organization.
Zoom team to coordinate with retreat.

Curriculum Team

Tana to connect with Dan Muir to see if he's still involved in COVID-19 response. If not, will inquire re: recording classes for teaching offerings.

2-year Dharma Path: class will continue for a 3rd year after completing its 2nd year this summer.

Technology

Team reports: need to be in DSC file to draft agenda.

HD storage in EMP bags in fireproof safe:

Need: Address and directions to Tana's and Barbara's houses and how to access
Tana to connect with Barbara re: how to access home if Barbara not available.

Web redesign

Board members to review website and make recommendations this week in Google Drive file: Do you like the aesthetic design? If not, what do you want? Layout?
Roann helping with concepts. Tana, Isabelle and Julian to implement.

AV team

Supervised by Tana.

Tana edits video and uploads, develops recording process, trains volunteers.

Mary focusing on audio and video editing, posting audio per Aaron and Barbara.

Debra Basham is now recording chanting and uploading to Youtube.
David Teare actively videotaping, Bill Riccobono, taping DP class.
Desja doing Awakened Heart Class and Evenings with Aaron.

Zoom team

Pat Polanski is team leader.
Will have Zoom host for each day of an event/retreat.
Use of Breakout rooms being learned.
Helpful to look into using "Raise hand" when people have questions.
Team to develop guidelines of etiquette for chat box.
Voice to text software being tested, hopefully will be ready for Oakwood.

Archives

Getting files ready to be moved in 2020. Isabelle to create Wordpress site.

Marketing

Blog is about ready to launch! Need new blog title: Board suggests Awakening Light.
Tana to send out request for logo designs to entire membership. Will review in the fall.
Newsletter: next issue in June.

Manager's Report

Important for Tana to be informed of all projects.

Some participants have been sharing Zoom links with non-registered participants/ this can create a problem with limited space. ; Tana to include a note in future that Zoom links are not to be shared. If people want to participate, they can share the registration link.

Barbara

Tavis approved Barbara to use DSC email list to post request for in-home caretaker of Hal.
Barbara's son Michael Rothbart to take over DSC property in the event of DSC dissolution.
Colette and Tavis holding space for Barbara helpful - be mindful of Tavis' time zone when scheduling.

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