**Governing Council Meeting (September 9)**

**Minutes**

Present were Paul, Ray (via skype), Eric, David, Lisa and Ed

Interim Director’s Report (Paul)

* The director candidates’ interviews by the Recommendation Committee are upcoming
* To economize with time, Paul suggested that GC members submit written reports in lieu of providing verbal reports at GC meetings

Financial Report (Ray)

* Deficit for August was $5500 (paid double rent in Aug and bought a new refrigerator)
* Third deficit month in a row
* Financial report is attached
* John L. and Janet are going to look at dues collection and increasing membership
* Fundraiser is scheduled for the Saturday before Thanksgiving
* Shambhala International is doing an online auction. The GC wanted to clarify if there was going to be a silent auction for the Baltimore Fall fundraiser (later determined it’s not). GC authorized up to $250 toward program and class fees.

Culture & Decorum (Lisa)

* Lisa introduced Erin Gleeson as the new staff person responsible for cleaning the Center. She will be working 3-4 hours every other week.
* Harvest of Peace is scheduled for September 21 (Marta is the coordinator)
* The search for new carpets continues
* Work & Play day was August 31. Small turnout but a lot got cleaned

Practice & Education (Eric)

* Staffing for P & E programs is better. There are coordinators in place
* There are 3 registered for Level I
* There are only 5 registered so far for Acharya Cashman weekend

Societal Health & Well Being (Ed)

* First Sundays new format began on September 8
* Bodhi School began on September 8; numbers were down from last year, but we expect an uptick in October
* Deleks are still being formed. Claire will be getting a meeting together soon

Executive Council Update (Paul & David)

* Robin has brought together a group to develop a publicity strategy.