

PSMC Council Meeting Thursday, April 21st, 2016

Agenda

Attendance Members present: Lisa Stanley, Carol Lieberman, Corey Adkins (Virtually), Claudelle Glasgow, Jack Bodner

Members absent: Bettina Hetz

Sit; Contemplation, raise Windhorse

Check in

Questions/discussion from Reports: No comments or questions.

Prioritize Agenda

Minutes:

- Communications Director role discussion
 - *The Council discussed the open Communications Director role, and the possibility of making it a non-Council level role to allow the role to be less time intensive for applicants.*
 - **Decisions:**
 - **Broad agreement** to make this a non-Council level role, Communications Coordinator, Abbey and Lisa will work on and bring back to Council.
- Discussion of Safety
 - *The Council discussed recent safety concerns in the neighborhood surrounding the Shambhala center, best responses and communications.*
 - **Decisions:**
 - No decisions.
- Hillsboro Budget Review
 - *The Council discussed a proposed budget for a Hillsboro Satellite center*
 - **Decisions:**
 - Proposal: Communicate with Kim that we want them to be included, to discuss with Carol and Rayna about Teachers, Guides MIs. Jack and Lisa will be in touch with a sit down, want to support this and move forward.
 - **Broad agreement**
- Council Minutes Policy
 - *The Council discussed a new Minutes policy, viewable [here](#).*
 - **Decisions:**
 - **Broad agreement** Approval of policy
- Council Travel Dates
 - **Action Item:** Everyone add their travel dates to the the Center Leadership Google Calendar

Member Reports:

Director

Meeting with David Englebrecht to discuss priorities for Membership related needs; creating a brochure is high on the list, connecting people to a MI and what kind of contact is needed for those who decide to discontinue membership.

Tabitha is taking leadership on bringing Vancouver folks together for sitting meditation at people's homes. We will see how things take shape and watch for future needs if they arise. We aren't at the level of a satellite proposal at this time.

Abbey and David E are holding the various pieces of Communications activities, and are working with John Smith to transfer over key parts. One of the key pieces left to receive from him is turning over access to the Master Password vault.

Working with Abbey to identify next steps vis a vis Volunteer needs and activities. Identified high priority positions to recruit for, she is creating JDs and will email out soon.

Carol and I have discussed some overarching issues and needs related to our current structure for program registration and the need for further conversation going forward and exploring alternatives.

Parinirvana was well-attended, approx 25 people. We did the Sadhana of Mahamudra Feast practice with several sadhakas in attendance with musical instruments. Lovely stories and sharing about Trungpa Rinpoche.

We have a number of members planning to attend either ESA or SWA this summer, we are providing scholarships for all who've requested them so far. This will enrich our community altogether.

Planning ahead- we have a great need for volunteers to coordinate nyida days (and events like the Parinirvana). The greatest priorities are the Buddhist Festival in the Park and Midsummer's.

Finance & Chagdzo

First Quarter Financial Notes. We ended 2015 with a surplus (over a reserve minimum balance that we are supposed to keep) of \$9,821. This surplus is the result of ending both 2014 and 2014 in the black. Out of that, we allocated \$1,358 for “Neutral Day Uplift” (i.e. uplift of the center leading up to Shambhala Day, including the new refrigerator and cabinets in the kitchen, new tea table, etc.) We don’t have final figures on the exact amount that was spent, but this is in the ball park. For the first quarter of 2016, we came out in the red by about \$1,250. This leads to an estimated \$7,220 left in the surplus. Council has since approved transfer of \$1,000 to the Irene Lundquist Reserve Fund, leaving an estimated \$6,220 remaining in the surplus.

Irene Lundquist Student Scholarships. We have had five applications for scholarships to attend core residential programs at land centers (two for Enlightened Society Assembly, two for Sacred World Assembly, and one for Scorpion Seal I.) It is unprecedented and encouraging that so many people are interested in attending these programs. So far, four of these have been approved, for a total disbursement of \$2,311. The last one should be taken up very soon. We have a scholarship committee which decides on these requests. *Late breaking news: one of the people who was awarded a scholarship has decided to postpone going because of a new job. This should leave a balance of available funds, in case there are more scholarship requests this year.*

Unified Giving. For 2015, transfers from Portland to support Shambhala worldwide totalled \$15,341 (includes Center transfers as well as individual member donations to the Center of the Mandala), which exactly met our target. Our 2015 transfer % was 14.6%.

Practice & Study

Societal Health & Well Being

Culture & Decorum

Kasung

Since assuming this post, I have assigned two people to leadership positions (and there will be more).

Mr. David Cook has been appointed the position of Khenchung to the Rusung. This means that he is in training to potentially take on the Rusung post after my term. Further, in my absence, he will be the point of contact for any Kasung related concerns.

Mr. John Light has been appointed the position of Khenchung of Maintenance. He will be the point person for anything related to building repairs and communication around building needs with the landlord.

Council Secretary

A brief report:

Just been getting back into the hang of things in the last week. Had a phone call with Lisa to get back into the loop. Holding down the basics for now, and plan on working more on some projects come May.

Communications