

## **PSMC Council Meeting Thursday, June 2nd, 2016**

### **Agenda**

*Attendance Members present: Jack Bodner, Lisa Stanley, Claudelle Glasgow, Carol Lieberman, Corey Adkins, Bettina Hetz*

*Members absent:*

Sit; Contemplation, raise Windhorse

Check in

Questions/discussion from Reports: No comments or questions.

Prioritize Agenda

### **Agenda Items- High Priority**

Items that need to be accomplished this meeting.

- Council Retreats for 2016 CA
  - Explanation of Council Retreats for new Council members.
  - Short overview of plan [here](#)
  - Welcome additional responses. What's missing?
  - Scheduling and dates coming soon.
- Operating Agreements - our needs and commitments we want to make around how we work together as a leadership team (communications, availability, responsibilities etc) LS CA
- Looking at Council Meeting dates based on travel CA
  - June 16th will be missing 2 Council Members
- Review of [financial report](#) covering 2016 YTD through April JB

### **Minutes:**

- Operating Agreements - our needs and commitments we want to make around how we work together as a leadership team (communications, availability, responsibilities etc) LS CA
  - CG: Face to face meetings, preference, way of building teamwork, learning about being with each other. Finding specific days where I read my email, then if something urgent comes up I welcome a text. David Cook is second in command, reference point for when she's not here. Kasung-like Chain of command structure could be useful in general.
  - LS: Would be helpful to know when people are checking email, at least every week. Text me when there's something urgent. Confusion around Weekthun- from lack of policies or lack of clarity of structure. See this often, causes interpersonal rubs. Invite when people see systemic areas to bring that in.
  - CL: Prefer face to face communication. Checks email daily.

- BH: Responsive to urgent calls or texts. Check email every third day, don't always respond.
  - LS: A quick response, like "Thinking about it.." even if you aren't ready to respond fully.
- JB: Makes lists for self each day in each life category. Tend to look at Shambhala Email every day, in the evenings. Things come up, even during weekends, that need to be related to immediately. Feel more comfortable emailing.
- CA: Unsure of future schedule, will let Council know when that's been determined. Please text if you need me to respond.
- LS: What do we see as our priorities and commitments. Request to have reports on time, and be at meetings as much as possible.
- Visioning aspect of the Council. How can we free our minds to vision, reflects the structure of our Council (One council vs. Executive and Governing Councils), history of the center.
- Council Meetings are the place where we learn about what's going on at the Center. Highlights.
- LS: Don't want to be the last person to know, want to be the first person to know. Loop me in on anything that is happening, especially if affects policy. Part of the Director role, the integrator.
  - Want to hear what people are buying into. Where are there issues.
    - Reports: Sunday or Monday before?
      - **Proposal:** If there's an attachment to an agenda item or a report, due week before. Then reports and agenda items otherwise are due on Monday.
        - **Broad Agreement** to give it a try
    - **Broad Agreement:** Continue to refine this, bring this up when needed.
    - **Action Item:** Turn this into a doc or some other interactive format that we can continue to update and review
- Review of [financial report](#) covering 2016 YTD through April JB
  - **Decisions:**
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  - **Action Items:**
- Review Moderate and Low Priority Items to determine whether they are still relevant, need to be prioritized in a future meeting or tabled CA
  - **Action Item:** CA Decide these with LS
- Future Agenda Item: How do we want to receive feedback, from the community, from each other. In a retreat?
- Council Retreats for 2016 CA
  - **No Decisions**
  - **Action Item:** Corey create a doodle soon

## Member Reports:

### Director

Leading the coordination of the Buddhist Festival in the Park, and Midsummer's Day. We have a speaker for the panel, Doug McCanne and only 3 volunteers +myself to staff the table etc so far. Abbey working on more volunteers, we could use your help!

Leading coordination on Midsummer's Day, waiting for the group to finalize the schedule so we can post. Will be a rich day of various activities and displays of Shambhala culture (kyudo, Ihasang, drala hikes etc) and socializing. We still need volunteers.

Offered meeting times to talk with Kim about the satellite but no confirmation received yet. I did collect two more cushion sets and support cushion which could be used for the group.

Covering for Carol while she is away. We've received a number of additions proposed to our Calendar including several Kasung programs, participation in the Interfaith practice at Great Vow, possible Social Meditation program, continuance of the Aging Group, proposal to re-instate Ashe Society and Mindful Writing classes to continue.

Meeting with our collaborator, Be Space, on the upcoming Life.Art.Being Festival in July. The theme is The Confluence of Joyful Means. There will be events at both spaces, a keynote, panel and Mindful Writing workshop, and concluding celebration at the Center.

Working with David, Abbey and Carol on improving our communications process around calendaring and posting to website. We'll be meeting to look at the our overall system and any needed changes. David has generously offered to be our website manager.

Membership - Bruce Dodds has stepped into Carol's position vis a vis Dues Secretary. David is stepping down as the Coordinator, he hopes to create a new brochure before doing so. Our membership #s have been hovering around 130, in April we were at 135.

Recruiting team for Director of SHWB will initiate efforts in June.

### Finance & Chagdzo

Please see [Financial report - 2016 through April](#)

### Irene Lundquist Scholarship Activities

In April, Council approved transferring \$1000 from the general fund to the Irene Lundquist Student Scholarship fund, because of the number of scholarship applications being received.

Scholarships awarded:

Corey Adkins - for Enlightened Society Assembly, Casa Werma

Anemone Fresh - for Sacred World Assembly, SMC

David Cook - for Enlightened Society Assembly - SMC

Karuna Thompson - for Scorpion Seal I at Karne Choling

### Governance Scholarship

Rusung Claudelle Glasgow has been awarded a scholarship to attend the Trident portion of Magyal Pomra Encampment. This is a governance scholarship being paid for out of our general fund surplus.

### **Practice & Study**

#### **Societal Health & Well Being**

##### **Queer Dharma (Jason & Michaela):**

No Report.

##### **Family Council (Mark Douglass, Heather Shaw):**

No Report.

##### **Listening Team (Mark Douglass):**

Will meet with Council to report on the Team's experience

##### **Young Meditators (Corey):**

No Report.

##### **Heart of Recovery (Gardner, David, Deborah):**

No Report.

##### **Diversity Working Group (Michaela):**

I have recruited David Engelbrecht, Jude Cope, and Camilo Marquez onto the PDWG. We will have our first meeting on May 26, when we will share our views and aspirations for our work.

The mandala-wide Diversity Working Group is deep into designing our online course on diversity which we will offer to Shambhalians and others in the fall. I will be part of our teaching team. I envision using that course as the model for the training that the PDWG will offer to our Council.

**Aging Mandala (Ann, Jan):**

No Report.

**Community Care (open):**

No Report.

**Meditation Warriors Book Group (David):**

No Report.

**Deleks (Aletha):**

No Report.

**Drala Hikes (Liz):**

The 2016 Drala Hike season got off to a start with the April 23 hike led by Aletha Eastwood and Jay Stevens. There are eight drala hikes and one drala paddle being offered this year. The communications/administration team has just recently instituted a pre-registration process online for the upcoming drala hikes with the intention of capturing the names/contact info of participants attending drala hike events and programs and inviting them to sign up for the e-newsletter. The bugs on this process are still being worked out.

**Nyida Day Planning Committee:**

**Culture & Decorum**

Planning for Mid-Summer's Day at Silver Falls State Park underway. Joint celebration with Eugene sangha. No overnight available. In the works are: Lhasang, bbq, games, contests, arts offerings, kyudo demonstration, possible kasung drill, and...

**Kasung**

Will be planning public talks on the importance of container and the gatekeeper position during Open Houses

Working in conjunction with others for the Midsummer's celebration.

Preparing for a Kasung Weekend August 26- 28, 2016 that will be largely open to the community and those curious about the path of service and protection.

Essential Heart of Kasungship I will follow for 6 weeks after the weekend program, which will focus on study of the slogans. A pithy way to carry the Dharma in everyday life.

### **Council Secretary**

Nothing to report beyond regular functions for May, as time was restricted due to travel.