

Minutes for Cleveland SCEC meeting on 07/28/07

Present: Sarah Ralston, Anne Warren, Dawn Wegenek, Jason Stone, David Hunter, Terry Keller, Michele Keller, Tim Keller, Steve Goldberg, Tom Ferguson, Nancy Foth

Also present: Diane Ferguson

Absent: Susie Kirchner, Anne Marie Gardner, John Thorton, Joe Harper

Agenda Items:

1. Reviewed issues from the last meeting: Wireless/computer security discussed. It was decided that the Tremont wi-fi was acceptable means at present, as the primary function is for broadcasts. Future aim to include upgrades through board-approved budget.
2. Building security: A review of recent break-ins at neighborhood store fronts and concerns for Jewel Heart. Present solution: photographic documentation. Suggested new locks and keys, key inventory, etc. Review of cash handling policy, and suggested the possibility of installing a new front door.
3. Treasurer's Report from Tom Ferguson: Figures for each month
January: \$320
February: \$410
May/June: \$311
July: \$836
Silent Auction: \$1886
Rimpoche's teaching: \$2600
4. Dharma update:
Continuing classes: Odyssey to Freedom, Vajrayogini, and Lam Rim I. Fall classes: Art of Living, Creating Space, Workshop: 50 Tibetan Dharma words for practitioners to be held Saturday, September 22, Lama Chöpa for beginners, and First Sunday dharma talks.
5. Upcoming Events:
Ujjen's rug sale August 10-11. The possibility of finding volunteers for this event, as well as the Art's Fest were discussed.
7. Database update: Terry gave an update regarding the state of affairs with the database, yahoo group, and a discussion of what to include (forms, databases, etc.) It was proposed that the yahoo-generated database be discarded. Also, Terry suggested an initial limited access to database information for security reasons. Suggested access permission to Sangha council, committee heads, instructors/facilitators.
8. Facilities Management: Dawn discussed the issues of seating and energy conservation. Because the auction fell at the same time as Rimpoche's visit,

seating was a little cramped. Also, an issue of what facilitators should do about the temperature setting.

Also: It was encouraged that facilitators should remind students/visitors to check the lost and found for personal belongings, **and for issues of personal security for students, visitors, and facilitators, to make certain personal belongings and items of value are not visible in parked cars along the streets as break-ins have occurred there. Perhaps facilitators could suggest this to students and visitors to the center.**

9. Other issues: David suggested a revamp of the store. Suggestions include a higher emphasis on dharma items, directly dealing with publishes and use drop shipping, dharma items on display to be educational to new members/visitors as well as old.