

Minutes for Cleveland SCEC meeting on 10/03/07

Present: Sarah Ralston, Anne Warren, Susie Kirchner, Nancy Foth, David Hunter, Tom Ferguson, Michele Keller, Tim Keller

1. Treasurer Report: Tom Ferguson gave a report based on classes and income from January-September.

Total for those months at present: \$7,713.41.

Income listed in the treasurer's report includes jar donations, donations received during special teachings (such as those by Gelek Rimpoche and Thubten Chodron), fundraisers, class fees not covered by memberships, and workshop income. Cleveland center donations that were given directly to Rimpoche and Venerable Chodron are not included in the income figures.

Projected income for October through December 2007 includes class fees for Creating Space, jar donations, Holiday Arts and Crafts show (15% of sales) and Blue Lotus imports sale (15% of sales).

Income from the center not included in this report: all membership fees directly sent to the Jewel Heart Central Office (approximately 50 members for the Cleveland area) and any donations made by Cleveland Sangha members directly to the Central Office. All classes with no additional or on-going income are funded by memberships.

2. Projected budget for 2008 (totalled):

- Center expenses: \$6,600
 - Dharma Programs: \$250
 - Newsletter: \$275
 - Facilities: \$150
 - Hospitality: \$300
 - Publicity: \$100
 - Sacred Space: \$300
 - IT/Sound/Library: \$200
- Total: \$8,175

3. Dharma programs update

Anne Warren and Susie Kirchner gave a Dharma Programs update:

- Gateway class to begin in January, other classes and workshops to follow winter retreat.
- Tsongkhapa Day tsoh is scheduled 12/4 7pm-9pm
 - cleaning at the end of November
- Yamantaka Initiation has been moved to 12/31 tentatively

4. A fall potluck and Sangha gathering was scheduled for Friday, November 2, 6-9 pm. Lora's sale (Blue Lotus Imports) will also open that evening, run for 10 days, and is a fundraiser with 15% of sales coming to Jewel Heart. It was suggested to start with the potluck and then have a brief 'meeting' around 7:30 or so.

5. **Rimpoche's name change:** 'H' is out, update on the main website.

6. **Additional:**

-A brief update on security/insuring the center was mentioned and Dawn has taken and saved photos of everything to be documented.

-Holiday Arts and Crafts Sale: Theresa is organizing artists. The dates will be Dec.14 and 15, times to be determined by Theresa. The center will still be clean from Tsongkhapa day. A special email reminder will be sent close to the time of the sale.

-Newsletter. Michele Keller requested that material for the newsletter be sent to her by the 15th of the month preceding the newsletter (so due Oct. 15 for Nov-Dec newsletter).

-On the issue of snail mail newsletters. This is a significant expense for the center and there is some confusion about the number of people who need to receive paper newsletters. After discussion, the consensus to winnow the list was to send out a onetime notice with the Nov-Dec newsletter requesting people who are not currently on the email list to provide an up to date email, or specifically request to continue getting a paper copy. We will send an addressed envelope for replies.

-Suggestions were made for future art shows at the center. Janice Cogger has proposed a show with different images of Tara. Sarah Ralston has many new photos, and David Larsen may want to show his work.

- Tim Keller proposed a library fix-up project for the afternoon of November 11th, to follow Odyssey to Freedom, with pizza.

-The next SCEC meeting was scheduled for Sunday, December 2, from 9:30 to 10:30 am, before the Sunday talk.

Meeting concluded with dedication.