

Jewel Heart Cleveland Sangha Council Meeting  
Wednesday, February 3, 2010

**Treasurer Report:**

Lora was not present to discuss the report, however, she sent a spreadsheet. While the final totals were incomplete, she will submit a final report soon. Temporary-report totals: \$550.50, from December 12, 2009, to February 2, 2010.

**Dharma Programs:**

**New Classes:** March and April will mark the start of new classes for the year;

March: Lam Rim III on Thursdays beginning March 4 or 11  
Gateway class to begin in March (Days/Times TBD)  
Yamantaka long transcript (Days/Times TBD)

Susie/Anne to talk to Dawn about leading meditation class

May: 3 Principles to begin and run for 6 months (Days/Times TBD)

Webcam: The webcam is up and functioning with no problems reported

Decide to buy flat-panel TV? : Yes; Sarah and family have graciously offered to donate and cover costs. Susie to ask Bill for details (i.e. prices, locations/stores/etc.) and get back in touch with Sarah with the details.

**Cleaning:**

The floors are to be given a quick cleaning before the potluck in March

**Proposal for Fundraising Arts and Crafts show:**

Teresa is looking into September for a possible date; arts and crafts show would possibly correspond with the Tremont Arts and Crafts festival (the second Friday of September)

**Sangha Council Committee members update:**

Sarah will send Fran the spreadsheet of proposed chairs, new positions, returning chairs, etc.

**Membership:**

It was unanimously decided among the SCEC that the proposed changes to membership levels would have negative or adverse effects on local enrollment, both for new and returning members. Anne proposed that the SCEC think this matter through and volunteered to construct a letter detailing the potential damage that the new programs of membership could cause, namely that there would be a drop of both attendance and revenue as a result of the price increase. Many members locally either may not be able to afford this increase or, if a new member, would be unlikely to commit to this price (where under the current/old standard, the breakdown and benefits around about \$25 monthly to be a supporting member and receive class benefits). As of 2/5/10, Anne had composed the letter and sent it to the Cleveland SCEC for review and response.

**“Spring Festival” :**

A spring potluck and possibly movie viewing was proposed for March 7, 2010. Details forthcoming, but would likely involve a potluck lunch with the annual Sangha Council meeting, followed by a movie.

**The state of affairs with the basement:**

To be discussed at the next meeting; now that the basement is cleaned up, what would we like to do with the space?

**Miscellaneous:**

Lora's sale will be closed after the potluck (or sooner, if she so chooses)

Rimpoche will be visiting at the end of July (July 30,31,and August 1)

Susie to contact Ven. Chödrön about visiting Cleveland during July (9-10 or 23-24)

His Holiness the Dalai Lama to be in the US in Spring/Fall; check his website for details and locations

JH Cleveland Silent Auction in May/June; details at next meeting

**Next meeting: April 1, 2010 at 5:30pm**