

**Sangha Council Meeting Agenda
Monday April 6, 2009**

**In attendance: Anne Warren, Sarah Ralston, David Hunter, Tim Keller, Tom Ferguson, Nancy Foth, Susan Kirchner
Motivation • Rejoice !!!!**

Treasurer Report Tom

-Tom prepared the annual report (December 2008 through April 2009) with the total remitted for the year equalling \$2,226.88 which included proceeds from holiday sales, Nyur Lam broadcasts, donations, Dennis Gilligan Fund, silent auctions, and Rimpoche's teachings.

Dharma Programs- Anne/Susan

-Anne and Susan reported the following proposed course schedule:

- Mondays: Odyssey to Freedom
- Tuesdays: Nyur Lam broadcasts
- Wednesdays: Art of Living (through May); 4-week Creating Space (June/July); 8-week Gateway (July-?); possible White Tara class to follow Gateway
- Thursdays: Perfection of Wisdom Mantra (through June); Lam Rim II(early July)
- Saturdays: Yamantaka long sadhana

Venerable Chödrön to visit/teach (possible topics include: 35 Buddha purification practice; What is happiness?; 10 Virtuous Actions) July 17th, 18th, and 19th (Friday through Sunday--save the date announcement to go out in May/June newsletter) Friday and Saturday, evening sessions, Sunday morning.

Cable Internet hooked up and working well!!

- With two to three broadcasts per month

Rimpoche's Talk changed from May 3 to 31

- date changed to May 31st with potluck to follow

Newsletter Print copies-

- Sarah checked with Michelle; make a pdf of the file before the newsletter goes out
- Sarah to check on whether print copies are still mailed. If not, cut the print-copy sending and continue to use the email format to save on extra expense/work
- 20 copies at a time to be held at the center with more copies available for classes and events (print as needed)

Online Calendar

-Elliot and Marg to send John the calendar for Cleveland events (available online); it was agreed that the events calendar need not be fancy, and can simply be maintained and look nice

Possible New Sangha Chairs for needed positions:

-Workforce volunteers can remain the same; there is a need for a new sacred space coordinator and a set of definitions for what this position entails

Volunteer Coordinator (Anne has 3 forms filled out)

-a list is to be compiled for the next meeting

Hospitality Coordinator (makes sure supplies like coffee, tea, paper towels and TP stay stocked up)

- Hospitality Coordinator to oversee supplies and check/inventory supplies once per month and acquire more as necessary

Housing Coordinator in charge of finding housing for out of town visitors

-Nancy/Sarah: ask Dawn (who was last in charge of this) and see if she is still capable of filling the role, since it is an “every so often” position;

Basement Cleanup-for lounge area and overflow books, plus back for storage and studio space

- need volunteers to help move books, magazines, etc. and clean up the space to create a lounge-like area for projects/meditation/etc; schedule one or two cleanup sessions as needed.

Budget- Media Cart/Wall hanging system- Anne and Marty do not need to be reimbursed

-the media cart was in budget and paid for- thanks Anne and Marty; wall system to go up within the next two months—discuss again at the next meeting for further details—it was suggested that there be wall hangings between shows; shows featuring Sarah & Bob Rickman (photos from Tibet) also proposed

Cookbook- Anne can give progress update (and real deadline for recipes)

-Anne provided feedback about the progress of the book: to get it printed in mid-July, materials need to be submitted by May; presently ~200 recipes with a goal of 249; currently some padding from copyright-free recipes that can be removed/added as needed to meet; ACTUAL deadline: April 21st.

Library- shelves

-Tim provided Anne with a draft sketch and dimensions of what additional shelves will be needed in order to accommodate space and the growing collection; currently there are two shelves, each about 4 1/3 ft. high (4 shelves each, with each shelf at about 13 inches high)

-Marty has offered to build the shelves; shelves to be moved to where the cushions are currently located, cushions to be moved to the front; eventual goal of the library: separate the dharma from the normal non-dharma (move the non-dharma to shelves in the basement after the basement cleanup)- this will provide improved access for library users and new students

Misc - other updates??

-Susan and Bill to host annual picnic on June 27th—bring any side; chili dogs, veggie burgers will be provided

-Susan has tsa-tsas that Kunga Yeshe provided and proposed bringing some of them in with a suggested donation pot—a small display has been created for this

Set Date for next meeting

-June 8th (Monday) from 5:30pm-6:30pm

Dedication