

7-19-07 - The Sangha Council Executive Committee Meeting

Attending:

Nancy Jeffries, Nikki Appino, Coleen Piazza, Kathleen White, Jonathan Danziger, Mya Mynt, Mark Harada, Greg Labo, Nina Rtter, Jason Ide, Saara Cohen, Nancy Haynes

Meetings:

Meetings of the Executive Committee will be held every 3 months from now on.
Once a year - entire sangha meeting

We plan to hold the yearly Sangha Meeting shortly after the next Executive Committee meeting.

Dates:

Executive Committee Meeting -- Oct. 18
Sangha Meeting, proposed date -- Oct. 25

Council members were asked to please go to the website and read the Sangha Council guidelines and description of your job on our website and let the council know what you can and can not do.

Finances:

Coleen and Nancy J. to set up a conference call with Debbie re: budgets for advertising / expenses.
The question of how much the NY Center brings in was asked.

Newsletter:

A national quarterly newsletter with contributions from all sangha centers is in the planning stages

[Suggestion: could we print the web-page and mail it out?](#)

The weekly email letter is sent out every SUNDAY by jonathan danziger. any additions need to be mailed to him, ready to be cut and pasted onto the website.

Jonathan does not write copy.

Greg Labo has agreed to be the back up when Jonathan is away. Thank you.

Jonathan to teach Greg how to do it.

We currently have about 700 people on our New York email list.

A suggestion was made to add a membership link to newsletter - see membership

Mailing-list:

Please direct all interested people to our website, they can sign up for the mailing list there. Handwritten web-addresses can often not be deciphered.

Jewel Heart info card:

Frederica and Fran have been planning a new information card. Maybe we can update the brochure we currently have. We need to make sure email info is there. Sarah Cohen to research

Membership:

We need a link on front page to membership including the benefits of membership. Sarah Cohen to research how other centers structure their sites. add membership link in weekly newsletter

Course fees:

Mya is concerned with fees. Especially how the Ganden Lha Gyema course was structured in that you have to pay for all classes as a series and not per class. She is concerned that some Sangha members cannot afford to attend. We came up with the solution that a sentence is needed to be added to all paying events. Maybe Anne Doran can compose? It should make it clear that 'nobody will be turned away. It must be added here that nobody has ever been turned away from any teachings due to the lack of funds or any reason.

Up coming events:

10/05/07 - Vajrayana overview retreat at the Garrison Institute

10/16/07 - Gehlek Rimpoche public talk at Tibet House - co/ sponsored by Tibet House

Date TBD - Society for Ethical Culture - Panel discussion, Spirituality and the Arts.

We need to organize these events and think about volunteers.

Programming:

Mya and Jonathan - future courses will be the same at the same time in all centers.

Volunteers:

Make sure they know the benefits of volunteering.
Encourage members to bring offerings.

Next meeting:

THURSDAY OCTOBER 18 - location tba

Special thank you's:

Greg Labo, thank you for taking care of all our technical needs. It means a lot to all of us.

Nancy Haynes for the library, it looks great.