

Minutes from Sangha Council Executive Committee meeting
October 27, 2005.

Present:

Nancy Beachum by phone

Kathy Laritz

Supa Corner

Geoff Lutz

Jeff Belanger

Louis Daher

Birgit Roller

Carolyn Hastings (late)

Geoff called the meeting to order.

1. SCEC meeting minutes schedule

Reminder offered of the minutes schedule as outlined in Sangha Council Guidelines:

a. Draft of minutes to be circulated to SCEC one week following meeting for review and comments.

b. Minutes posted to website with approved corrections two weeks following meeting.

Resolved to accomplish.

2. Discussion about New Chairs

Newsletter chair invited to SCEC meeting. It was suggested to invite again in hopes to be helpful and provide some background history of newsletter.

3. Habitat for Humanity Update

Supa reported that Habitat does not need help for the winter and will need more skilled volunteers in the spring. Rose Jasso is still interested in researching Habitat for Humanity committee commitments. Colleen Retherford sent email informing she will not be on the committee due to desire to focus on Jewel Heart projects. Discussion followed including presentation of Rimpoche's offer to help hurricane victims through Habitat for Humanity within our limitations and to focus on supporting Jewel Heart programs and their service to the community. He raised concern not to bleed out our limited resources.

4. Sunday coverage for last 2 weeks in November

Nancy Beachum and Hartmut Sagolla will be there as representatives of the SCEC. It's very important to make people feel comfortable. Concern expressed to ensure that attendees are greeted and welcomed by Jewel Heart members/senior students and not ignored. It was suggested that we remind regular JH students to mingle with people.

Suggestion – some use JH staff name tags and ask people to mingle before and after talks.

5. Volunteer Coordinator update and issues - Carol Ilku will coordinate the gathering of data from the Chair persons, using the Sunday set-up document as a base. Carol and Louis will design the form for canvassing the Sangha to see what skills they have and would like to volunteer, and what they are doing. Sean Ike and Carol will call people to ask them to fill out the

forms.

Jenna and Louis were not yet able to meet with Rimpoche to coordinate needs of Sangha Council and Hospice.

6. Announcements - Concern raised that announcements are not always adhered to thereby risking missing salient points of announcements.

Resolved that involved parties maintain communication during exchange of announcements to avoid error and follow up if error still occurs.

7. November 9 benefit flyer distribution - Help is needed to post fliers to advertise the Nov. 9 concert. Suggestion made to recruit volunteers to target theaters, pubs, U of M musical/theatrical events and hand out JH Nov. 9 benefit flyers as people enter or exit performances. Requires research/making list of shows and events in area with locations and time frames then asking individuals to hand out accordingly. Goal set for next week and weekend due to proximity of Nov. 9 date. Louis Daher asked Jess Willyard to do research. Volunteers to distribute fliers to be requested via announcements - this Sunday if possible and on Tuesday evening.

8. Flyers to support Sunday mornings at Jewel Heart – JH programs asked for help to post fliers about JH programs on a regular schedule with regular locations. Jeff Belanger offered to ask Odyssey to Freedom participants after checking with Tony and Elizabeth. Kathleen has list.

9. Protocol suggested for calls for volunteers - When we request/collect volunteers via public announcements, it is best if announcement is followed by canvassing attendance to ask to volunteer face to face, along with some people already in mind to ask. Importance of clearly defined task instructions Discussed.

10. Email message from Rimpoche directed proper channels for official conversations between SCEC and Rimpoche to avoid any confusion or misdirection. A further question clarified resulting protocol: convey official conversations with Rimpoche to Jewel Heart Central (JHC). JHC in turn to confirm with Rimpoche.

Submitted Suggestions

1. Visibility

Rimpoche is not making an appointment for the advertising/publicity chair at this time. Adv/pub remains the responsibility of JHC for now.

Discussion followed clarifying the SCEC role of ‘flying’. Replacing the word ‘advertising’ with ‘visibility’ was suggested. Suggestion made for a person be selected as the ‘visibility’ contact for JHC. Louis to talk with Debbie to determine JHC & SCEC contacts for a visibility point person.

Meeting ended about 8:30.

Minutes written by Louis Daher & Kathy Laritz