ANN ARBOR SANGHA COUNCIL MINUTES

June 7, 2016

In Attendance: Sissel Bridges, Debbie Burr, Rose Jasso, Bobbie Krzywozycki, Jackie Laskowski, Figen Lacin, Colleen Retherford, Tom Ropaski, Barb Shoffner, Andrea Wabeke(reporting), Wendy Weiner

- The meeting was opened at 6:30 p.m., and intention set, by singing the Four Immeasurables.

Summer Retreat Recap:

- 175 people attended the retreat
- While the task board remained unfilled the center did get cleaned
- Rose reported that many people pitched in to help set up the altar
- The feeling is people are more comfortable retrieving mops/brooms/cleaning supplies on their own to help keep the center tidy
- Because of the extended lunch hour, many people left the center during that time; however, many remained to eat lunch.
    - Though it was not organized, many people did bring large salads to share.

Dharma Coordinator Update:

- Suggestion for weekend classes was made for those unable to attend during the week.
- The Sunday dharma discussion following the talk continues to be a hit. Recommendation is that a schedule should be set for each Sunday of senior students who will take the lead for that.
- The one-day workshop involving the Jewel Heart prayer book has been moved. Suggestion was made to have a more detailed description than that which is already on the website so newcomers will understand what will be discussed.
    - Request for Tibetan language and/or a workshop on the Sanskrit prayers within the prayer book was made.

Programs Update:

- Colleen reports Kathy Laritz has not sent any updates.
- Debbie stated the Garrison retreat at the end of August is canceled.

Fundraising:

- Ice Cream Social-June 12, 2016:
    - Figen Lacin and Wendy Weiner are organizing.
    - Set-up will be outside if the weather permits.
    - Wendy has supplied bowls, cones, spoons and large coolers.
    - Barb has brought ice
    - Cleanup will be provided by Sissel, Jackie, Colleen and Figen.
    - Wendy is resending the Sign-up Genius one more time before Sunday to generate more food donations.
    - There will be no tickets, nor suggested donation, only a donation jar
- The (gently used) Front Hall Garage Sale
    - This is being moved from June 9-19 to August 6-14.
    - Wendy & Colleen will set up on August 4.

Cleaning the Interior:

- The center is to be cleaned Saturday, June 11.
    - Barb Shoffner will reach out to Bob Rickman to find out who will be leading this effort; no communication has been received in this regard as of yet.
- Akiko is going to follow up and advise whether a co-chair for the cleaning leadership is going to be sought.

FAQ Sheet:

- Jackie and Sissel distributed an initial draft proposal for Jewel Heart's website of an FAQ sheet for newcomers.
- Discussion was had to tweak some of the verbiage included on the FAQ.
- Extensive discussion was had on what to include on the FAQ.
- Suggestion was made not to include some items so dialogue could be initiated with newcomers to foster relationships.
- An idea was offered to have newcomers identify themselves in the hall by a show of hands so senior students could later spend 10 or so minutes with them showing them the center and answering any questions they may have.
- Tom was interested in outreach to some of the Chinese graduate students in the area and how to attract them to Jewel Heart.
    - Barb requested the PDF of the Sangha Council brochure so that it could be placed on the website.
    - Debbie will follow up
- Jackie and Sissel will continue to fill in information on the FAQ for further discussion at the next SC meeting.

Interfaith Council Follow up:

- This will be moved to next month's agenda

Ann Arbor All Sangha Council Meeting:

- A potluck/all sangha council meeting is tentatively going to be set for October 14th.

July SC Agenda:

- Ann Arbor All Sangha Council Meeting
- FAQ follow up(Jackie/Sissel)
- Interfaith Council follow up

●The meeting was closed with a dedication at 8:05 p.m.