

ANN ARBOR SANGHA COUNCIL MINUTES

MAY 3, 2016

In Attendance: Sissel Bridges, Debbie Burr, Diane Cosier, Cathy Hufano, Cy Hufano, Rose Jasso, Bobbie Krzywozycki, Jackie Laskowski, Figen Lacin, Colleen Retherford, Barb Shoffner, Akiko Yamada, Andrea Wabeke(reporting)

- The meeting was opened, and intention set, by singing the Four Immeasurables.

Support for Retreat:

- Retreat schedule still is unknown. JH will supply plates, cups, utensils for use during the lunch. Colleen suggested that an informal effort of bringing cold salads be initiated for people who'd like to remain at the center during lunch hour and to also help in community building. Further to that effort, discussion was had that some sangha members could remain at the center during this period.
- Laura Reynolds will create the volunteer board.
- Diane Cosier will work the registration table.
- Lodging for retreat is on track.
 - Discussion was had regarding sangha member Al Jensen and his ability to attend retreat. Further discussion was had about a potential effort to have sangha members raise funds to find hotel accommodation for him locally during retreat. Akiko will follow up with Al.
- Colleen Retherford will procure soy creamer. Akiko will supply coffee creamer, snacks and other needed supplies for retreat.
- May 21 is the day set aside for cleaning the center, but also Sakadawa Day. Colleen will take the lead for this beginning at 10:00. Precepts will begin at about 5:30 a.m. Concentration will be on the main hall. There is also a program from 2:00 to 3:30.

All-Sangha Meeting Follow up:

- Barb Shoffner's minutes from the April 22nd meeting were handed out and reviewed.
- Extensive discussion was had about new members and helping them find their way at Jewel Heart.
- Kathy Laritz is including an email contact within the weekly email for sangha requests or for those who have questions
 - Electronic message boards, blogs, etc., were discussed but discarded as short lived; that human interaction seemed most successful.
 - Efforts will be made to have more senior members wear Jewel Heart lanyards on Sundays so new members can seek out answers to questions easily.
 - Jackie and Sissel will take the lead on creating an FAQ of generalized Jewel Heart questions and answers for new members. The possibility of using Survey Monkey to accomplish this was discussed.
 - Jackie inquired of the Interfaith Council. Debbie and others discussed its history, Rebecca Head's involvement. Further discussion was tabled until next month.
 - Mention of having another "All Sangha" Council meeting was discussed. Monthly Sangha Council meetings are open to the entire sangha so the Sunday

announcements just prior to will include mention of the upcoming meetings to encourage everyone to attend.

- The Jewel Heart directory was discussed as being on again/off again. Efforts will be made to resurrect its creation.
- Barb Sloat is continuing her role of reaching out to those who are sick or in need.
- Akiko mentioned she received only a couple follow-up emails in response to her request for feedback after the All-Sangha Council meeting.

Dharma Coordinator Update:

- Colleen reviewed Sakadawa Day
- Volunteers are needed for the May 14th program “A Daily Meditation Practice.” Sissel will come to cover tea/coffee needs.

Fundraising:

- Colleen Retherford will award best-dressed “Parisian” a bottle of champagne (procured by Wendy Weiner) at the brunch on May 15.
- The ice cream social is moved to June 19 instead of June 12; however due to Father’s Day, a move back to the 12th is being considered.
- The front hall sale ends June 19th.

Volunteers:

- Discussion was had that efforts should be ongoing by all to reach out for new volunteers at Jewel Heart.

His Holiness Drikung Kyabgon visit:

- HH Drikung Kyabgon is arriving via Delta Flight 2499, Friday, May 6. Requests are made to have as many as possible greet him, and should have a kata and a flower in hand.
- Five *additional* volunteers are needed for the reception table at Pease Auditorium. Names of potential candidates were discussed. Kathy Laritz will be supplying fliers.
- Four volunteers were requested for assistance during the Long-Life Initiation. Potential names were discussed, although Ujen will be taking care of this effort.
- HH Drikung Kyabgon’s Sunday talk at JH was discussed. Cathy Hufano will coordinate the refreshments but not do alone. Sissel will procure small quiches and brownies from Gordon Food Service.
- Altar arrangements are taken care of

June SC Agenda:

- Retreat Recap
- Fundraising: ice cream social, gently used sale
- Cleaning the interior
- FAQ follow up(Jackie/Sissel)
- Interfaith Council Follow up