

**Sangha Shantivanam
Service Committee Minutes
December 12, 2021**

Meeting convened at 2:00 pm on Zoom.

In Attendance

Ziggy Rendler-Bregman, Sylvia Deck, Jerry Deck, Sister Barbara Long, Mary Thomas, Jane Dawson, Radha Vignola, Mary Sue Babb, Elbina Rafizadeh and Carolyn Ames.

Opening Prayer Mary Thomas

Financial Report

- Jerry Deck reported that:
- Sangha has \$2275 in the checking account.
- Rent on the Sangha room is paid till the end of the year.
- Sangha paid a \$300 stipend for guest speakers during our study of Islam.
- The sangha will add a PayPal donation button to the Sangha website along with giving the address for sending donations by check.
- We continue to pay rent to Holy Cross Church for use of our Sangha Room as well as insurance. We appreciate your continuing support while we "shelter in place". Please send your check/contribution to Jerry Deck, 120 Archer Drive, Santa Cruz CA 95060. Checks should be made out to: Sangha Shantivanam.

The New Year' Peace Vigil

- Sangha will send the flyer to the email lists of Sangha Shantivanam of Santa Cruz (sanghashanti.net), Tent of

Abraham, and Sangha Shantivanam in India. Jackie Chew and Mary Pat George will distribute the flyer to New Camaldolese Oblates. Elbina Rafizadeh will share the flyer and schedule with the Administrator to post to the New Camaldoli Facebook page. Elbina will also send the flyer to Deacon Joe DePage to post to the Holy Cross Facebook and Instagram pages. Elbina will send the flyer to a list of 300 email addresses from the 2020 Peace Vigil. Elbina will promote the Vigil through Catholics of Santa Cruz and Families of Holy Cross. Sangha members will also notify local parishes.

- Sangha will not make a public announcement of the vigil through the Sentinel, the Good Times or other local papers.
- An announcement for donations will be given in a slide displayed at the beginning and end of the Vigil. Information on making donations will also be included in the Zoom Chat before and after the Vigil.
- Donations will go to fire relief for the CZU fire through Community Foundation Fire Response Fund.
- Sara Jones will rehearse with presenters and all who are in the program. The email has been sent with dates and times.
- Sangha paid \$50.00 for a one-month subscription to Zoom that allows 500 people to attend.

Sangha Library

- Mary Thomas has purchased call # labels. She will continue work on the library in the new year.

Spring Sangha Retreat

- Cyprian Consiglio will lead a retreat for Sangha on the weekend after Easter. He will talk about "*God Who Gave You Birth: A Spirituality of Kenosis*".

Curriculum

- The Service Committee discussed topics for study in the winter of 2022. We will finish the study of Islam with a guest speaker along with Lectio on Sufi poetry. Before the spring retreat with Cyprian, Sangha will read "*The God Who Gave You Birth*". The Service Committee also discussed possibilities for the study of Sikhism.

Outreach

- Ziggy Rendler-Bregman and Mary Sue Babb are exploring ways to introduce Sangha to the student community at UCSC including through our membership in the University Interfaith Council.

Sangha Room

- The first in-person/Zoom hybrid meeting will take place in the Sangha Room on January 9, 2022.
- Service committee members will meet on January 8 to clean the Sangha Room.
- Sylvia Deck showed a photo of the Memorial Corner in the Sangha Room. Jerry Deck built an altar for photos and the memory book. Three icons written by Laurie Bair are on a shelf above the altar. Ziggy Rendler-Bregman will add a fabric hanging to the wall above the altar.
- The Service Committee reached consensus on the purchase of new shades for the Sangha Room windows that increase insulation while still allowing light into the room. Ziggy Rendler-Bregman, Mary Sue Babb and Jane Dawson will look into the purchase of the shades.
- Ziggy Rendler-Bregman will temporarily donate an air purifier to the Sangha Room.

Closing Prayer Jane Dawson

Meeting Adjourned at 3:00 pm

Carolyn Ames

Recording Secretary