

## SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING

DRAFT MINUTES  
SANGHA SHANTIVANAM  
126 High Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

The following is an account of the minutes taken on 6/22/14 at the regularly scheduled Service Committee Meeting of Sangha Shantivanam held in the Sangha room.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Sangha service committee members present were: Judy, Jerry, Tim, Ziggy, Sr Barbara, Kay, Fr Cyprian

### 2. Committee member reports

- a. Treasurer
- b. Annual spring retreat set up at St Francis Retreat Center, April 17-19, 2015
- c. Finance policy
  - i. Annual budget will be approved in November for the next fiscal year
  - ii. Sangha will keep a prudent dollar reserve of 6 months rent
  - iii. Sangha will make donations to charitable groups in keeping with our mission statement, as follows:
    1. Financial resources will be managed in order to:
      - a. Build greater understanding of the world's spiritual traditions
      - b. Support New Camaldoli Hermitage, Big Sur
      - c. Encourage efforts to bring peace in areas of conflict especially where religious differences are at the root of such conflict
  - iv. Fixed costs include:
    1. Rent
    2. Stipends for guest speakers
    3. Funds for scholarships for retreats
    4. Annual allotment for library resources
    5. Annual donation to New Camaldoli (of at least \$1000)
    6. Maintenance
    7. Insurance
  - v. Income:
    1. Donations from membership
    2. Fundraisers
    3. Sublet of sangha room

### 3. Schedule planning

- a. July 6: Hatha Yoga, led by Tim
- b. July 20: Bring your favorite poem
- c. August 3: Fr C's Book, Topic 1 Introduction; plus SC meeting 4 pm
- d. August 17: Fr C's Book, Ch 2
- e. August 31: Fr C's Book, Ch 3
- f. September 12-13: retreat at New Camaldoli Hermitage, Fr Cs Book Ch 4

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- g. September 28: Fr C's Book Ch 5
  - h. October 5: book discussion
  - i. October 13, Monday: service committee meeting with Fr Cyprian
  - j. October 19
  - k. November 2: Tent of Abraham??
  - l. November 16
  - m. December 7 or 14: Commitment ceremony (Fr C to check his availability)
  - n. December 31: New Year's Eve Vigil
4. Meeting topics discussion
- a. Poll the group to find out what they would like, perhaps 're-building interest' in e.g., islam
  - b. Share spiritual practices
  - c. Meeting just for meditation
  - d. Orthodox religion
  - e. DVD's (Link TV)
  - f. Field trips
5. Action
- a. Create survey form
  - b. Consider/talk with John Esposito (?) lecture series
  - c. Get Fr C's book chapters
  - d. Ramp up planning for Tent of Abraham
6. Adjourn

Respectively submitted,  
Kg, secretary