

SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING

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

The following is an account of the minutes taken on SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2014 at the regularly scheduled Service Committee Meeting of Sangha Shantivanam held in the Sangha room.

1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. The meeting was opened at 4 PM
- b. Sangha service committee members present included:
 - i. Sr Barbara, Sarojani, Ziggy, Judy, Dennis, Kay

2. Committee member reports

- a. Treasurer - not available
- b. Events / retreats
 - i. Judy discussed items about the weekend retreat at the hermitage, September 12-13, 2014
 1. 17 people signed up as of 8/3; 6 rooms were still available
 2. Judy to send out a message regarding the retreat, its cut-off date for registering, car pooling &/or sharing rooms
 - ii. Dennis discussed items for the New Year's Eve Vigil
 1. By the end of September 2014, have invitations and people confirmed for participation for the event
 2. Needs Janis' help on public announcements
 3. Sarojani will help with new voices..
 - iii. Ziggy discussed Tent of Abraham (TOA)
 1. TOA will be on February 1, 2015
 2. Rabbi Paula will help
 3. Contributors: Beth El, Sangha, Islam group
 4. Important question is 'what topic & discussion' should we have for the TOA
 5. Suggestion was made to have several preceding sangha meetings cover topics related to the TOA
 - iv. Sarojani discussed items for the Annual Spring Retreat April 17-19 at St Francis
 1. She said the details are all set; and the calendar date to be given to the membership
 2. Jerry will handle the money part
- c. Recap of past
 - i. Sr Barbara discussed issues regarding the building
 1. City not approving the plan (?)
 2. Have the engineering report to rebut the city
 3. City gave HC a list of things to do and HC agreed to do them
 4. But, have to leave the building October 28, 2014 (needs to be empty for retrofit) Sangha must leave by 10/28/14
 5. Sr Barbara move to another room
 6. We are asking to be able to come in & retrieve items after 10/28/14
 7. HC wants ministries to continue

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8. They are going to keep the building 'alive', heating, etc
 9. Current rent for sangha is \$250/month
 10. Discussed options for other places to meet:
 - a. Ziggy suggested space at the Villa, Josephine house
 - b. Sarojani will do research on another place
 - c. Sr Barbara to make appointment with the Villa to discuss renting Josephine house
 - d. Ziggy & Sr Barbarato explore other ideas, a house? (e.g., something like the Deck's)
3. Schedule planning
- a. Calendar, rest of 2014
 - i. August 9, 23
 - ii. September 12- 13 (retreat), 20
 - iii. October 5, 19 (next service committee meeting: October 13, 5 pm)
 - iv. November 1, 16
 - v. December 14, 31 (New Years Eve Vigil)
 - b. Consider having a book signing party for Fr Cyprian's newly published book¹ to be held on Sunday, December 14, 2014
 - i. Sr Barbara to check about holding it at HC, or somewhere else
 - c. January 2015 meetings
 - i. Ziggy suggested topics of interest for the TOA; invited guest(s) to lead meeting(s)
 - d. Topics for other sangha meetings next year included:
 - i. Sr Barbara: Dish/Direct TV – Link TV – Global Spirit, DVD's
 - ii. Ziggy: Merton talks about Sufism
 - iii. Sarojani: Native Americans in Carmel Valley
4. Other
- a. Sarojani: Create a survey
 - i. Ask Tom Lucking to help
 - ii. Ask questions for the membership to address
 1. Where are people regarding the sangha?
 2. Their needs?
 3. Their wants?
 4. Regarding moving?
 5. Regarding DVD's
 6. etc
5. Adjourn, 5:55 pm

Respectively submitted,
Kg, secretary

¹ November 2014