

SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING

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

The following is an account of the minutes taken on Monday, 10/13/14 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 5:09 pm
- b. Sangha service committee members present were: Sarojani, Ziggy, Judy, Fr Cyprian, Sr Barbara, Kay
- c. The minutes from August 3, 2014 were approved

2. Committee member reports

- a. Treasurer – presented by Ziggy in Jerry’s absence
 - i. Financial report: 5/1/14 to 9/30/14 (details available if asked)
 1. Income total for 5 months: \$5397
 2. Expenses total for 5 months: \$5698
 3. Bank balance: \$1360
 4. Note: \$900 deposit paid to St Francis Retreat, 4/17/15, for spring Retreat with guarantee that 18 attend
 - b. Events / retreats
 - i. Tent of Abraham (TOA) – presented by Ziggy
 1. The first meeting was held on Monday, October 6, 2014 at Temple Beth El, Aptos, committee members present included: Sarojani Rohan, Sabra Richey, Rose Ashford, Jenny & Ray Kaupp, Gail Levine, Amy Harrington, Jane Crowley, Sylvia Deck, Annie Kelly and Ziggy Rendler-Bregman
 2. The TOA will be held on Sunday, February 1, 2015, 3 to 6 pm at Temple Beth El, Aptos
 3. Productive brainstorming created a list of components for the TOA, including a few, for example: small groups, trained facilitators, shared meal, budget, place for dialog, discussion, teaching (more components are available, contact Ziggy)
 4. The next meeting will be on Monday, November 3, 7 pm, Temple Beth El during which a topic of interest to our 3 faiths will be chosen and which will be the theme / focus of the TOA
 5. Future meetings: Monday, December 1, 2014, and Monday, January 5 (location for each to be determined)
 - ii. St Francis Spring Retreat – 4/17/ to 4/19/2015
 1. The Deposit has been sent to St Francis, guaranteeing 18 attendees and insurance has been paid
 2. Cost is \$252 private room; \$202 shared room; \$60/day commuter charge
 3. Individual payments due upon arrival at St Francis (checks made out to St Francis Retreat , Visa also ok)
 - iii. Sangha Room – presented by Sr Barbara
 1. The HC school building is going to be retrofitted
 2. Unlikely the sangha room will be ‘touched’, but the hallway outside the sangha room may have work done on it; but workers may come into the sangha room
 3. The retrofit work will make the building safer
 4. There will be no sangha use after Wednesday, October 29, 2014
 5. Its important that we take valuables out of the room by 10/29
 6. NEED: VOLUNTEERS to

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- a. Store valuables at homes
 - b. Cover books with plastic sheeting
 - c. Take charge of packing, covering, etc
 7. We assumed the prerogative to nominate Jerry in charge, Radha helping ☺
 - iv. NEW, TEMPORARY, ROOM to rent FOR SANGHA MEETINGS:
 1. PACIFIC CULTURAL CENTER, 1307 SEABRIGHT AVE, SANTA CRUZ (Broadway & Seabright)
 - a. \$22/hour, \$55/meeting, \$110/month (without food)
 - b. Can be available to us each 2nd and 4th Sunday's till May
3. Schedule planning
- Rest of 2014:
- a. October 19?
 - b. November 9 – no meeting (see November 14 below)
 - c. November 14 – (we suggest attendance of this event to serve as a sangha meeting)
 - i. Karen Armstrong event at Peace United Church, 900 High Street, Westside Santa Cruz
 - ii. Ms Armstrong will discuss and sign copies of her new book, *Field of Blood*.
 - iii. Tickets for this event are \$32.70 which includes 2 tickets and one copy of *Field of Blood*. Tickets can be purchased at Bookshop Santa Cruz or at Peace United Church
 - d. November 23 – discussion of Karen Armstrong's presentation
 - e. December 14 - commitment ceremony
- 2015:
- f. January 11 (slight chance Fr C will come) (we should plan to have a service committee meeting)
 - g. January 25
 - h. February 1 - TOA (Includes Fr C)
 - i. February 22
 - j. March 8
 - k. March 22 (with Fr C) (possible service committee meeting)
 - l. April 17-19 – St Francis Spring Retreat (with Fr C)
 - m. May 24 ? (May 17 better for Fr C) (plan to have a service committee meeting)
4. Other business
- a. Survey for members – Ziggy
 - i. Ziggy will work with Tom Lucking & Laurie Bair to put together a survey for sangha members
 - ii. She will work to get a draft to the service committee by beginning of November 2014.
 - iii. She envisions the survey be on-line, something like Survey Monkey
 - iv. Then discuss results perhaps in December (TBD)
5. Adjourn, 6:05 pm

Respectively submitted,
Kg, secretary