



Wet Mountain Sangha
Steering Committee Meeting, August 9, 2015
Rancho Mesner

Present: Diane Mesner, Doug Mesner, Ed Neugebauer, Linda Stone, Jan Meserve, Kate Booth, Barbara Billstrand, Mike Guagliardo, Kerry Kramer and David Cockrell.

- I. **Finances:** Revenues over expenses for June/July were \$1,513.41. Current balance \$3,303.69. We agreed unanimously to extend our current rent payment to the CIP for the remainder of 2015.
- II. **Upcoming Events:**
 1. Cabin sitting at Doug and Diane's cabin Aug. 23. David will lead a caravan from the CIP, leaving at 8.
 2. Potluck with SMS August 30. Email went out to everybody. Lois volunteered to coordinate the logistics of attendance at the potluck. Lois will work with Kate
 3. World Prayer Day: Lois, Jan and David volunteered to lead a chant. All will help recruit sangha members at every sangha event between now and Saturday, Sept. 12.
 4. Public Talk Sept. 16. Doug will talk with Andrew about whether to include Joan's video as part of the event. We decided to ask Andrew to plan the evening, and we would do the publicity. Doug offered to coordinate with Andrew, and David volunteered to do a flyer. Lois volunteered to contact Jon Pompia at the Chieftain for a story or a Religion Brief.
 5. Wayfarer Talks: No one on board yet for August.
 6. Dharma Study: Lois volunteered to facilitate the final dharma study session on Hunger Mountain. David will get an email out to the group with the arrangements.
 7. Sarah will be coming for a dharma talk Sept. 26, and we have a full-day sitting scheduled Nov. 14.

III. Leadership:

Merrilee volunteered to continue as treasurer. We agreed to announce at sangha meetings that we are seeking a secretary. Doug agreed to continue as SC chair until another candidate steps forward. We discussed several possible candidates, and we'll have conversations with folks about steering committee involvement and leadership.

There was good enthusiasm about inviting new members to the steering committee.

IV. Retreat:

We recapped the stories that sangha members told at the Wayfarer Talk retreat presentation. We had a broad-ranging conversation about each person's experience at the retreat, as well as ideas about where we go from here. We decided to continue the conversation at the next SC meeting.

- V. **Sangha Support Committee:** We should keep the idea of a sangha support committee on the agenda. We had a good discussion about services for aging sangha members in June, as

well as memorial services. Kerry offered to lead an effort to get a support system in place after she retires.

Respectfully submitted, David