Laughing Rivers Sangha - Continuing Care Committee meeting Minutes   5/31/09

Host: Bill Meoni   Facilitator: Scott Arrowood   Recorder: Pat Cassidy
Attending: Bill Meoni, Scott Arrowood, Harald Songoro and Pat Cassidy

1. Website Update
     Bill has not been able to connect with Chris T. as of yet, but plans to consult with him once they can schedule a meeting in the near future.
2. Vesak Ceremony
     Pat reported that the Vesak Ceremony was well attended by Buddhists from the Pittsburgh area, and non-Buddhists alike, at the Shadyside
     Unitarian Church on 5/17/09, attending from Laughing Rivers were Pat, Tony, Laura, and Martha. A rendition of the Three Refuges was chanted by
     this renown quartet (American Idol has yet to call any of us for an audition). The bottom line was hat this a most joyous get-together, and it will likely
     be repeated next year.
3. Alternative Retreat Site
     Martha is continuing to research alternative sites for our Sangha Retreats due to recent concerns of increased noise due to building development at
     the Kearns site. There are no plan to select an alternative site at this stage, but the issue will continue to be explored. Once any alternative locations
     are identified, the CCC and Retreat Committee will notify Sangha members to obtain feedback.
 4. Dharma Discussion Topics/Themes For Retreats
     It was reported earlier that Chan Huy wished the Sangha to maintain as a reference, a list of sutras, topics, themes for Dharma Discussion and
     Retreat themes, consistent with the cuurent study program of the Order of Interbeing.
     Scott agrees to follow-up with plans to contact Tony, who will be asked to consult with Chan Huy. Once this information is obtained it will be shared with the CCC  and Sangha as a whole.
5. Mentoring New Tuesday Night Leaders
    This topic was put on hold since Denys was not available today to report.  We all send our hearts out to him and his family over the recent loss of
    his brother. Denys is expected to confer with those senior members who have been providing this invaluable service to new leaders, and an
    update on the process/protocol will be provided to the CCC, and shared with the Sangha in general.
6.Noble Silence
   The beauty of this practice, particularly with regards to late arriving members on Tuesdays,  was discussed by the committee, and to remain
    mindful of this practice was re-emphasized --a separate email to the Sangha will be sent in the coming week(s) by Scott, providing us all with some
    suggestions on how to enter the meditation hall in a quiet and peaceful manner.
7.Committee Updates
    Retreat Committee for our next retreat at Kearns from Thursday Nov 12 to Sunday Dec 15

         Harald reported that Denis O. has volunteered to chair the next retreat committee and that volunteers are welcome .

         All volunteers are welcome including new Sangha members

         The next retreat committee is expected to be meeting later this summer (date to be shared once available).

         Those interested can contact  Denis O. at  **Error! Filename not specified.dbodhi50@aol.com** or any CCC Committee member.

    Finance Committee
         -Scott noted that the Sangha has approximately $5,600 in its bank account and is therefore fiscally solvent.
    Member Care Committee
          - Bill was unable  to make the last meeting. The committee is expected to meet later this month, and an update will follow.
8.Next Meeting
           - Bill graciously agreed to host again (nobody challenged this since the food is as good as the company), and the preferred date was
             selected as Sunday 8/2/09 at 10AM (alternative dates are 7/12 and 8/9/09 at the same time/location).