

CCC MEETING MINUTES – June 2016

6/6/16

Present: Deborah Brooks, Mike Milberger, Martha Cullins, Bill Markey

There was a brief sitting and summary of the mindful meeting guidelines. The meeting proceeded with covering the following agenda items

1. Interfaith events. Mike reported that 4-5 sangha members went to the Dzogchen session on Saturday. There was also participation in the Vesak ceremony. Nothing else is planned at this time.
2. A number of people in the sangha have expressed an interest in offering more days of mindfulness. Deborah sent out an email interested sangha members to respond. She heard back from Cheryl, who indicated she might be interested at another time. It was suggested that an announcement be made at one of the sittings. (Follow-up note: this was done. There were no volunteers)
3. Rebecca was interested in locating a new site for the sangha's sitting. Bill reported that interest remains, but no progress or active search has been made.
4. Finances. We went over our balance and the report that the bank generates. We discussed that the retreat committee plans to increase our tuition for the fall retreat. Current balance is ~\$5,000, which appears to be sufficient to meet our needs.
5. Library committee seems to be doing fine.
6. Open-close committee will need support because Pat is having shoulder surgery. Pat, Bill and Dawn will discuss what is needed. (Follow-up: Bill sent an email to the listserve requesting support and there is a sign-up sheet on our website).
7. Marty is interested in developing programming for children. She is in touch with a Buddhist group in Greentree that is starting some programming. She will also have a conversation with another person in the sangha who expressed an interest.
8. 44 people attended the spring retreat. 25 were LRS members and 19 were new. There was a \$1700 profit. More marketing of the fall retreat may be helpful, and having notices of the retreat date sent out earlier. The email list for the Pitt group will be used; is there a way to reach out to CMU students? Asian students?
9. Member care committee is to meet this week. Marty will make announcements about the committee at sittings. Question was raised whether Bill and Cheryl need assist or support.
10. There was a brief discussion of the sangha obtaining 501c status. This will probably be an agenda item for the annual meeting. We also discussed starting a sitting on another evening in the South Hills. This would need an anchor person and mentoring from the OI. Mike and Bill to explore this more.
11. Next meeting was scheduled for 8/15.

Respectfully submitted  
Deborah