

CCC meeting June 12, 2013 via Conf call

Participants: Red (facilitating), George, Kate (note taking), David, Jen

1. Posting CCC minutes to website

Last CCC minutes posted were from 2010

Bill does not want to edit docs to polish for web; can take ready-to-post

MSWord doc or pdf format

Going forwards CCC will put final meeting minutes on the website in pdf format.

George can convert documents to pdf.

Red will collect minutes from previous 2013 CCC meetings and post them.

Suggestion to organize the "files" section of yahoo website.

2. Posting of Fleet Maull notice to CCC listserv approved. George will post.

3. Date for Spring 2014 retreat.

Mother's day is May 11. Easter April 20.

Nuin available Thur-Sat available all of May 2014.

May 1-4 2014 looks good for retreat. George will check w/Nuin,

Jen will contact Chan Huy. (Chan Huy would come in to Pgh Mon April 28).

Note: need retreat committee for Fall retreat.

Kate will post to listserv.

4. Discussion of Sangha financial status

-- review of spreadsheets from George

2012 Sangha Expenses exceeded Income by \$1465.72.

2013 acct started with about \$1500 less than start of 2012. (\$1465.72)

2013 Spring retreat had higher catering expenses (about \$550) than 2012 Spring retreat.

-- Dana

-- See Red's May mtg 2013 minutes.

-- Discuss asking Sangha members to make gifts to Sangha.

-- Tuesday evening dana has dropped off.

- Suggestion to contact facilitators to remind them about talking up dana,
give them a written set of bullet points to help in making request
(George and David will work on this).

-- Suggestion to explain to people value/benefit of dana,
benefits from dana gifts that make Dharma/retreats available to people (scholarship)

-- Suggestion to share info about summary of Sangha income/expenses.

-- Suggestion to explain to folks what Blue Cliff is, and Plum Village, newcomers may
not know. Share this info on a Tues evening without any special request for dana.

Maybe take Tues in July for this discussion of wider community.

George has you-tube videos (from Plum Village Online Monastery) -- visualize the value

-- Noted that LRS has not made donation to Blue Cliff in last two years.

-- Possible now to make automatic Paypal donations to support Sangha

- (potentially easier than Tues evening donation)
- Discuss pros/cons of annual/semi-annual fundraising drive
 - Discuss putting appeal on listserv versus Tues evening time for appeal.

Conclusion / Action items

- post appeal to listserv (??? not sure who will do this)
- follow-up with facilitators re discussing wider Sangha community (??? not sure who will do this)
- Develop a written set of bullet points to help folks asking for Dana better describe it. (George and David will work on this)

5. Dana to Chan Huy for Spring retreat

- All in favor of \$1200 dana with explanation that the dana is based on Sangha finances, and noting that Sangha is working on raising dana.
- Red and George will talk to Tony next Tues re communicating decision to Chan Huy.
- Make sure we have enough in acct to start Fall retreat, eg down payments. (I believe we decided that we do have enough b/c down payments are relatively Small. George will check with last Fall retreat committee ???)
- Need to ask upcoming Fall retreat committee to look at cutting costs. (Would it be helpful to start Fri morning not Thur evening ?)
- action item: find out how much dana was collected in baskets at retreat for Chan Huy George will check with Michael.

6. Next meeting TBD via email, look at Tuesdays towards end of July.