

Laughing Rivers Sangha CCC meeting minutes from April 7, 2014

Members in attendance: Denys Candy, George Hoguet, Mike Milberger. Aaron Teague was away.

The CCC members approved the minutes from the previous meeting.

Up-date on Committee Reports:

- **Practice Committee** – No report
- **Finance** – George presented. Checking balance is \$3090, with \$2455 in General Fund and remainder between Scholarships and CD Fund. See attached report.
 - *Denys will ask Tony to do another "Ask" to the sangha for Dana as in 2013*
- **Communication** – George offered typed report, attached.
- **Applied Buddhism** (ad hoc)– Mike stated that this group has had a few meetings, and as yet had not concluded on any recommendations to the sangha.
 - *Mike will follow-up with a member of the group*
- **Set-Up & Take Down** Cancellation Policy – Mike stated that Dawn & Pat offered to manage this issue, but George had not yet finalized that with them
 - *George to finalize details with Dawn before next CCC meeting.*
- **Retreat Committee** – Mike reported that Tony S has stated that the retreat planning is on schedule; Tony's report attached at bottom of this document.
- **CCC** – Mike advised that Stephanie Miller will be joining the committee in June. Cheers all around! We will be very pleased to have her with us.

Old Business:

- **Dzogchen Sangha:** Denys, Pat C, George, and Dan & Rita sat with the Dzogchen Sangha (Tibetan) at Three Rivers Dharma center on April 5th. Denys led a 90-minute sharing of our traditions practice, which was very much appreciated. He also invited their members to attend any of our Tuesday night programs, and offered that we would like them to come and lead our sangha in their practices one Tuesday night. TBD. He also promised to get them a copy of one of Thay's book for their library
 - *The CCC to discuss and propose some dates at our June meeting.*
 - *Mike offered to get the book at Journeys of Faith; "The Heart of the Buddha's Teaching" and send it on to the Dzogchen Sangha.*
- **LRS/Dharma Teacher Relationship** (Ad Hoc) – no meeting on this as yet
 - *Denys to set up meeting in the next month*
- **Vesak Contribution** – Pat had asked the CCC to approve a \$50 donation in support of the May 18th Vesak program for books, promo, etc. **Approved!**
 - *George will get check from Bill M and route to Pat or mail to Vesak Committee.*
- **Blue Cliff Monastic Visit** – Denys has secured support from several members in the sangha for both housing and events while the monastics would be here from August 29th – Sept 2nd. *A proposed purpose was put forward "to support LRS, for us to support them, and to share the teachings with the public". This to be detailed, but includes a 'Wake-Up' type event at Pitt on August 30th, Interfaith event at United Methodist Church

on 31st, DOM on Sept 1, Sightseeing on Sept 2 and sangha that evening; send off on Sept 3rd.

- *George will communicate with Br Phap Vu at Blue Cliff re the plan.*

New Business: No new business was brought before the Committee

The CCC will meet again on June 3rd at 5:15 PM. Location will be announced prior to that meeting. How Lee's restaurant in Squirrel Hill seems to be favored.

Retreat Up-date from Tony :

Subject:FW: Publicity Report

Date:Sun, 06 Apr 2014 14:47:58 -0400

From:Silvestre, Anthony J <tonys@pitt.edu>

To:Mike Milberger (jmm54@verizon.net) <jmm54@verizon.net>

In addition, flyers will be sent to Sangha for people to distribute. Mailings to everyone on our snail mail are going out by mid week. The committee meets Monday night. Closet inventory will begin in a week or so. Nuin will be visited. Assignments will be made to Sangha members who attend. We are urging everyone to register early by filling out and mailing in the form. We cannot guarantee registrations not in writing.

Tony

From: Silvestre, Anthony J

Sent: Saturday, April 05, 2014 2:19 PM

To: Laura Langer (llangerlcs@gmail.com); Martha O'Grady (tbocean@gmail.com); Michael Sutherland (titanium507@gmail.com); Deborah Brooks (dleebrooks@gmail.com)

Subject: Publicity Report

Flyers have been mailed to about 140 places with bulletin boards in the County
Electronic Flyers have been sent to LR email list, LR OI/Asp (with request to send on to contacts), a half dozen religious groups with an ecumenical interest, OI-Community, the 2012 and 2013 Spring Retreat Attendees, and about 2 dozen "local" Sanghas within a long car ride from Pgh.

Announcements are also on iamhome.org.

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