

CCC Meeting 9/10/2013

Facilitator: Jen W

Attendees: Kate F, Jen W, George H, Natalie N, Mike M

Note taker: KateF

Next meeting: Not yet decided, late Oct ????

1. Reading of mindful meeting guidelines.
2. Mike restated his concerns/suggestions re keeping to the retreat theme, and the possibility of having talks by outside teachers, e.g. a woman teacher.
 - a. Point raised about the retreat theme coordinating with the 4yr Community of Mindful Living curriculum that is followed by CH's monthly e-talks.
 - b. George is in contact with CH re Fall retreat's theme
 - c. Effort will be made to bring forth retreat theme in many parts of the retreat not just the Dharma talks.
 - d. Suggestion made to strengthen the post-retreat evaluation discussion with CH
 - e. Point made that keeping on retreat theme is a long term on-going issue
 - f. Item for reflection was raised: what is the relation of a teacher to a Sangha? Can be different for different Sangha members.
3. Retreat Attendance: concern that there are not enough registrations and that the retreat will lose too much money.
 - a. *Post meeting update:* retreat going forward with at least 20 people registered for at least part of the retreat; this should keep total retreat cost overrun at ~ \$1500, in line with previous residential retreats.
 - b. Noted that this attendance challenge is an issue every other year when TNH is in North America. Many folks go to those retreats and do not have time/money to do more. Perhaps LRS can make some adjustment in those years.
4. Annual meeting planning
 - a. *Post meeting update:* Tony has volunteered to host the meeting Sat November 2, 16, or 23.
 - b. George might be willing to co-facilitate and is making inquiries to folks who might be interested in facilitating or co-facilitating.
 - c. CCC needs to draw up an agenda.
5. Dana talking points: were sent out to facilitators !
6. Dharma Rain CDs, Denys proposal
 - a. There are believed to be several dozen Dharma Rain CDs up in our closet.
 - b. CCC approved Denys' proposal: 1) Pricing Dharma Rain at \$7 (\$5 for LRS friends) and 2) donations of 12-15 CD's each to DP, MG, and Vietnam Children's Project - CD to be priced at \$7 - proceeds to be kept by them. (Donation to Bluecliff already made.)
 - c. George has shared this with Denys

7. Library
 - a. Mike M is interim librarian at least until annual meeting
 - b. Mike M has some books from KatieH that Katie got from Joanne's family when they were cleaning out Joanne's apartment. These are children's books Joanne wrote and published in India/Nepal. After Mike is done with his Fall retreat responsibilities he will make these books available to Sangha members.

8. Prison Letter: Kate contacted Tony who volunteered to respond to the letter. Kate will follow-up.

9. Financial report overview for Sangha members: George is working on it

10. Invitation to host Bluecliff Monastic Tour in August 2014
 - a. George got some enthusiastic responses to the email he sent about this over the summer.
 - b. There are some concerns about what is entailed in hosting such a tour. Tony will follow up on some contact he has with Joanne Friday, a Dharma teacher who has hosted this kind of tour before.
 - c. Concern that the August date is not great timing for folks (e.g. vacations) and a big August event may preclude a Fall retreat.