

Laughing Rivers Sangha CCC meeting minutes from February 18, 2014

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

Mike called the meeting to order with an invitation to take three breaths together...

The CCC members approved the minutes from the previous meeting.

CCC members each discussed their "**Interim Reports**" for areas they volunteered to monitor:

Mike Reported:

1. There are a couple of Joanne's books available for our Library and **he'll** get them officially "carded" shortly.
2. As in a previous notification, Tony says that the Spring Retreat is in process and OK.
3. The Applied Buddhism committee is meeting, and holding a general discussion about the meaning, reviewing articles on it.
4. The only response for a Sister to join was from Stephanie Miller, who will be able to attend in April or May.
5. Dzogchen Sangha visit: Dzogchen Sangha invited a visit from LRS to share and practice with their sangha. Mike presented information regarding this request. Specific dates were discussed, March 22nd, or 29th. Mike will follow-up to confirm times.

Denys Reported:

1. The practice council hasn't met for a while but will do so this month.
2. He has scheduled a Dharma teacher/ LRS relation ship first meeting or Sunday 16th at Martha's place.

George distributed LRS financial report and communication committee notes.

The financial gifts to the Sangha have increased

There was a gift made from the Sangha to Blue Cliff monastery for \$762

George would like another member for the communication committee to help with Social Media

CCC agreed to continue with E-mail communication between scheduled meetings.

Martha, Red, and Deb are willing to assist the CCC when needed.

A discussion was held regarding the cancellation process for the Tuesday evening LRS sitting. Consensus was reached and George will ask Dawn and Pat (opening & closing team) if they will be willing to manage the cancellation procedures on Tuesday evenings.

George brought up the proposed Blue Cliff Monastics visit. George has been in contact with Phap Vu the Abbott of Blue Cliff in this discussion. Which was recently opened to a larger number of Sangha's that would be visited during this Monastic tour.

At this time,

4-8 people would be on the visit.

7 nights in Pittsburgh

*A proposed purpose was put forward "to support LRS, for us to support them, and to share the teachings with the public"

Event/Activity ideas for this visit were proposed: Day of Mindfulness, Sit w/LRS on Tuesday evening, Event at PITT, Event at Pyramid?

Tentative dates were in August or September.

Discussion was held as George distributed a map and time line of the tentative Monastic tour from Blue Cliff to Madison Wisconsin. It was decided that an invitation and some explanation would go to the Sangha in hopes to secure volunteers to join in organizing and hosting the Monastics during the visit. It was determined that this was the biggest step and a need for commitment from LRS would need to be of adequate size to make this event happen. Denys volunteered to draft an invitation message to the sangha and would send this after approval.

The *CCC will meet again on April 8th at 5:15 PM* location will be announced prior to that meeting.

Minutes recorded by Aaron Teague