

Sandpoint Sangha Board of Directors
MINUTES of ANNUAL MEETING **12/2/2020**

Present: Board members Sharon, Carol, Lynn B., Natalie, Barbara F. and Janet S., Elder. Meeting began at 1pm with Carol as Zoom host

Natalie opened with a few moments of silent reflection.
Minutes of 10/26/20 meeting approved

Current Balance: \$ 2280 YTD Dana: \$2991

Expenses pending: Dec. 2020 dana = \$100 to Linda R. and \$75 to Sangye
Post office fee due Jan. 1: \$106
Frank's remuneration for Jan.2021 retreat: dana from attendees

Carol will be away until March 1, 2021. Barbara will pick up mail from p.o.box during her absence and inform her of any checks that come in.
There was a short discussion of dana, in general as well as with regard to specific practices of Sandpoint Sangha. Topic will be taken up at the January 13, 2021 board meeting.

Issue of Sangha office of president: Barbara and Natalie will share presidential duties and continue to seek a third person to share those duties going forward. Barbara will continue to take minutes. For the annual report to the Secretary of State, Natalie will be listed as president and Barbara as secretary.

Website/Zoom update: Lynn reported that corrections to website have been made, and GoDaddy was receptive and helpful when consulted. Everything is up and running; no coding required. **Action items: Lynn/Kay:** Add minutes of 12/2/2020 meeting and end-of-year financial report to web page and Lynn will ask Kay about setting up a credit card payment option on the website, and p.o. box address will be added to website under Contact Us.

Discussion re web design: There was much appreciation for Kay's time and WordPress expertise but concern about having only one person able to maintain and update our website. Natalie explored web design options WIX and SquareSpace, found them both uncomplicated, and designed a web page in a day with WIX. Transfer of pages from WordPress to WIX is simple and WIX is reasonably priced. Lynn explained that Kay regards assisting with the website as her service to the Sangha. Board members agreed that we will remain with WordPress but now have a backup plan-- a web design option that could be set up quickly and updated by persons with average computer skills, should Kay become unavailable.

Natalie reported that when sending Zoom invitations from the Sangha's e-mail, under Notify First, the entire membership list can be selected with one click.

Action Item: Fundraising letter to be sent out by Natalie soon, but in future we will revert to April and October as months when Dana reminders are sent.

Natalie has not yet heard from Rick regarding Heartwood tech issues

Action item: Warren will add an Unsubscribe option to the e-mail.

Sharon reviewed two **Way-Seeking Mind** talk formats proposed by Frank, i.e., entire hour devoted to one person's talk, with follow-up conceived and conducted by facilitator, or two speakers followed by questions from group. Natalie expressed the view that one talk at a time would allow the community to embrace and fully respond to the brave soul who offers to speak. The talks will replace Wisdom Circle every other month and will affect WC **facilitators**. Therefore, it was decided to have Gina consult them at their Dec.6 meeting. They **will select a format and start date for the talks**. Various approaches to determining who would speak were suggested--favoring the idea of encouraging people who do not regularly speak at sangha meetings.

Action item: Sharon will send Frank's Way-Seeking Mind e-mail proposal to the facilitators and recommend listening to Frank's Oct. Zoom, in which he describes the tradition.

Janet : One day at-home retreat proposal met with enthusiasm from members she contacted. **DATE: January 16, 2021.**

Frank specified a minimum of 20 attendees. Although there is no registration fee, Janet wants Frank to know who will be attending, so early signup/registration will be requested.

Action items: Janet will compose an e-mail letter of description and invitation regarding the retreat. It will be from Board of Directors to sangha membership.

Natalie will "wordsmith" it and e-mail it to membership and keep list of registrants, who will sign up via e-mail.

Next board meeting: Zoom hosted by Barbara and Natalie on **Jan. 11, 2021**, at **2pm**. Barbara will prepare the agenda and Natalie will facilitate while Barbara takes minutes.

NB: All 2021 board meetings will be second Monday of the month at 2pm

Meeting concluded at 2:50 with a few minutes of silent reflection

Minutes respectfully submitted by Barbara F.