

CARETAKING COUNCIL -- 10-06-08  
Susan P.

notes by

6 pm -- Jim R., host and convener

ATTENDANCE:

David H.

Susan P.

Carol R.

Celeste R.

Jim R.

Susan S.

[1] SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

January and June

e-mails and special meetings as needed

[2] MODIFICATION OF BROCHURE FOR SANGHA WEB SITE

David H. offered to oversee this work -- offer received with universal enthusiasm

[3] REPLENISHING HANDOUTS FOR THE TUESDAYS SANGHA

[brochure, Love and Understanding]

the Friday members will ask Karuna to bring the Tuesdays some of the Fridays' supply, as she generally attends both meetings

[4] CONSIDERATION OF DIFFERENT ROOM ARRANGEMENT, TO  
CREATE MORE SPACE FOR CUSHIONS AT THE FRIDAY MEETING

Jim R. will come a bit early to the Friday meeting after Retreat, and will remove a second row of chairs -- folks will try to help the Fridays understand suggested placement of chairs and cushions, until it all becomes familiar -- other adjustments will be made to room arrangement, if it seems that they might improve comfort at the Friday session

[5] A LOCAL SOCIAL JUSTICE PROJECT FOR THE SANGHA

general agreement that such a project merits the Sangha's mindful consideration

also agreement that the criminal justice system will be a worthwhile area of focus

the choice[s] and details of the project[s] will depend on the volunteers: numbers, interests, and commitment

November 15 will be an excellent first opportunity to learn the Sangha's thoughts on such a project

if Sangha is to be a formal sponsor [and perhaps a source of funding], the matter should be brought up for consideration and vote at the next business meeting

David H. gave us a thoughtful metaphor for the process -- organic gardening:

like organic gardening, this project should be done with care and attention to each step: planting, choosing the seed, choosing the right time to set out the plants, and so forth...

#### [6] ISSUES FOR NEXT MEETING

continued discussion of how best the Sangha might use any spare funds [scholarships? projects? other?]

consideration of how SnowFlower might better include children and families in our practice -- an issue especially perhaps for the Tuesdays, since Trinity has a play room available just across the hall from our meetings, and a couple of folks occasionally bring children

many thanks to Jim R. & Celeste R. for the snacks -- also to David H. for sharing his crop of Bell peppers

#### NEXT MEETING

January 28, 2009, 6 pm

home of Susan P.

[meeting reminder, call for agenda, and directions to Susan's house will be circulated in early January]