

MINUTES OF STEERING COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 17,
2016

Present: Cheri Maples, Rosebud Sparer, Janet Zimmerman, Amy Krohn, Steve Spiro,
Tom Loomis, Karuna Namenwirth

Absent: Pat Arnold, Gloria Green, Bonnie Trudell

Voting Absentee: Gloria Green, Bonnie Trudell

Guests: David Haskin, Micha Namenwirth

Cheri opened the meeting at 7 p.m. with a short sit. Then David Haskin reported on the Wisconsin Prison Mindfulness Initiative (WPMI), an expanded prison, advocacy, and support initiative which SnowFlower's "Coming Home" project helped to found. Together with SnowFlower volunteers and members of other sanghas, secular mindfulness (Buddhism without the Buddha) is being taught in four prisons with a fifth scheduled to begin in the Spring. Discussion followed David's talk.

DECISION: New members, Cheri, Amy, Karuna, were voted in for a three year term.

DECISION: There was unanimous approval of the slate of officers: Cheri, president; Rosebud, vice president; Gloria, secretary. Janet, continuing as treasurer.

DECISION: The proposal to adopt the re-stated Articles of Incorporation was unanimously approved.

DECISION: After discussion, and with deep thanks to Rosebud, the By Laws – a SnowFlower first – were unanimously approved.

ACTION: Cheri will contact Don to discuss bringing the website up to date.

ACTION: Steven will contact Kurt about being part of the Education Committee and to find out whether there is a separate Diversity Committee.

NEXT MEETING DATES: Monday, May 16 and Wednesday, September 14.

After a short sit, the meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karuna (in Gloria's absence)