

SnowFlower Steering Council
1-4-17

	Cheri Maples	X	Steven Spiro
X	David Sparer	X	Barbara Namenwirth
X	Gloria Green	X	Pat Arnold
	Janet Zimmerman	X	Bonnie Trudell
X	Amy Krohn	X	Tom Loomis

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short sitting meditation |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review agenda |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of minutes of prior meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pat moved to approve the minutes ○ Approved |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget – Requires vote <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Karuna moved to donate the \$1004.26 to Cheri and suspend our contribution to the TNH Foundation for 2017 ○ Approved ○ Pat informed us that the contingency fund was reimbursed ○ Steven moved to approve the budget ○ Approved |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning for annual meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ January 30 at 7:00 at Friends Meeting House ○ Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sit ▪ Bylaws - Rosebud ▪ Finance Report - Janet <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informational, no vote at the Annual Meeting ▪ Project/Committee Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedulers - Walt • Retreat & Day of Unity - Walt • Coming Home – Steve • Diversity – Curt • Website Update – Ann ▪ Thanks to Janet ▪ Thanks to Susan Sweetnam for the great job as the Lay-out editor for the newsletter. She is taking over for Crystal Martin who did a great job the previous three years. ▪ Volunteer Sign-up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steering Council – 3-4 Openings • Schedulers - ? Openings • Action: Gloria to follow up with volunteers in roles to determine how many open positions we need to fill ○ Flowers for the Annual Meeting – Rosebud ○ Gift for Janet - Chocolates (Steven) & Dog Treats (Bonnie) |

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on Cheri <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Now at Attic Angels ○ In good spirits, working hard at rehab
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update about Thaypassana retreat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 98 people have signed up so it is probably full ○ Jan Sheppard will take Cheri's place ○ If Cheri can make it in some way she will be included
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request for changes to scheduler - meeting leader - protocol. We will NOT decide anything about this topic, but instead discuss how it shall be decided. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Schedulers to discuss and decide what changes if any need to be made to welcome newcomers – they will review the suggestions made by Curt ○ The Steering Council unanimously felt that we are doing a good job welcoming newcomers, and that specific instructions for leaders welcoming newcomers was not necessary ○ Action: Amy will work with Curt on the website to create a page call Visit Us or to update if necessary the current page Welcome Newcomer page ○ Action: Tom to check with Lisa to see if she had the pdf of the yellow brochure, the STC will review before reprinting ○ Action: Tom will create a sign to direct newcomers and bring to the next STC meeting for approval ○ Action: Gloria to work with Curt on keywords so SnowFlower appears when searching for meditation in Madison <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Meditation, Mindfulness, Buddhism
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update about any past issues discussed during prior meetings
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion about officer positions – this will be a decision topic at our next Steering Council meeting, so potential candidates (who must be steering council members) should start thinking about it. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Begin to think about who can fill the Secretary position ○ Rosebud to talk with Cheri about the role as President
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief things <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yoga Mats for Inmates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Inmates who are Buddhists are allowed to have a yoga mat ▪ We have added some Buddhist services in the prisons ▪ The yoga mats would be available to those inmates ▪ Will use some of the money budgeted for the Coming Home project for the yoga mat ○ Web Site <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Steven searched for meditation in Madison and SnowFlower did not come up
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quick review of potential future agenda items for the next meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Next meeting February 15 at 7:00 at Gloria's ○ Day of unity ○ Scheduling the meetings for the year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short closing sitting meditation