

SnowFlower Steering Council
12/13/17

X	David Sparer	X	Steven Spiro
X	Gloria Green	X	Barbara Namenwirth
X	Walt Keough	X	Finn Enke
X	Amy Krohn	X	Tod Highsmith
X	Tom Loomis		
Also attending: Micha Namenwirth, Zach Smith			

Greetings and Short Sit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Short sit and singing from new songbook
Treasurer's Report
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Note that donations were higher on account of increased donations for events around Cheri. ● Our Insurance with Capital Indemnity will increase to \$296 up from \$280 this year. Propose we continue our insurance with Capital Indemnity. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Seconded ○ All assent ● Propose using money from contingency to cover cost of songbooks. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Seconded ○ All assent ● Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Propose adding to Roles and Responsibilities of Finance Committee that the Annual Fall Retreat budget is to be reviewed by (not simply being informed of) the Finance Committee. Retreat Managers will send the budget. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Seconded ■ All assent ○ Propose approval of budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Seconded ■ All assent
Decision Items
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Songbooks: Karuna spent \$170 on songbooks. There is only \$35.07 left in the library budget. Will we reimburse Karuna for the full amount? Gloria proposes that we will just over spend the library budget and it will reduce the amount available for contingency next year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Approved ● Insurance: Our insurance ends on 4/4/18 due to our agent no longer being contracted with Capital Indemnity. We can renew for one year for \$296. Our cost last year was \$280. Do we want to renew or shop insurance? If shop insurance who is willing to take this on? ● Walt proposes we revisit our authorization for the three officers to spend money between STC meetings. He would like to discuss limiting that power only to urgent situations where the decision can't wait for the next STC meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Standing approved practice: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ At least 3 of 4 of four officers of STC. ■ Up to \$200 from SF budget, from contingency reserve if needed. ■ Any decision around this would be part of the treasurer's report. ○ Proposed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ At least three out of four officers of the STC are authorized to make certain spending decisions by themselves without bothering the whole group or

requiring a meeting;

- Up to \$200 from amounts budgeted but not yet designated for specific use by the STC, or from contingency reserve if needed;
- Where there is some urgency to the expenditure, i.e. it would be impractical or unwise to await the next meeting of the STC;
- Any decisions around this would be part of the treasurer's report.
 - Movement for approval
 - Seconded
 - All assent

Discussion Items

- Identifying volunteers to fill roles that will be open:
 - a. Tom rotating off.
 - b. Rosebud's term is up, but he wants to continue.
 - c. We could add members, according to the by-laws.
 - d. Action: Tom will send a note asking SF members who might be interested in joining Steering Council. Due January
- Karuna proposes that we invite a monastic for the Five Mindfulness Transmission (end of June 2018).
 - Know how many interested before inviting?
 - Would they come anyway for a day and weekend of mindfulness?
 - Would we need to fund the visit?
 - What kinds of things can we do to enrich what we bring to the Sangha. The monastic presence is powerful.
 - Could this be our summer event in June? Half day of mindfulness in possible addition to transmission of the 5 MTs?
 - Teleconference in preparation?
 - People could also renew 5 MTs
 - Watch out for conflicts with other retreats!
 - Sense vote: Are we favorably inclined? Yes!
 - Amy and Karuna will nurture this idea.
- Website
 - a. Domain hosting has been paid.
 - b. President and secretary will be given access to website by way of passwords from Zach.
- Annual Meeting (January 29th or 31st)
 - a. Potluck could be a way of recruiting people for the various roles in addition to sending out an email.
 - b. Action: Steven will contact Friends to confirm reservation.
 - c. Action: Gloria will contact people to find out if they want to continue in their roles.
 - d. Planning for the AM: January 8th
 - Rosebud will put together an agenda with STC officers and send to STC members for input.
 - The work will be done by email.
- Discussion of several proposals about expanding the reach of our Sangha, including some related to including newer members more – as proposed by Zach.
 - a. How do newer members come into the fold of the community in a deeper way?
 - b. There don't seem to be opportunities created to bridge newcomers into the Sangha.
 - Make mentor opportunities more visible?
 - How might people connect outside of Sangha?
 - c. Steven will revitalize our educational offerings with a team.

- Offer courses
- Set up with Friends
- Gloria will join Steve

Information Sharing

- Joyful Path in Blue Mounds will host bi-monthly (1st and 3rd Tuesdays) meditation group in the tradition of Thich Nhat Hanh with recitation of 5 MTs every other gathering.
- Organized by Pema Antonioti, Joyful Path co-founder and teacher.
- Tom was asked to help lead, and he will.

Meeting Date/Time and Location for next time

- Our preparation for the annual meeting in January will be completed via e-mail. A date for the February meeting was not set.
- Proposed agenda item:
 - Newcomers