

SnowFlower Steering Council
9/13/17

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: Zach Smith, Micha Namenwirth			

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Greetings and Short Sit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Approve prior meeting minutes ● Minutes approved
Treasurer's Report
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rent expense on track ● Charitable Contributions on track ● Put website expenses in expense and record the in-kind charitable contributions so that we have a record of them
Decision Items
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Spending Decisions: Proposal to adopt a policy to allow the officers of the steering council to make certain spending decisions by themselves - setting a dollar limit cap (to start discussion it is proposed the cap be \$100) below which they can act without bothering the whole group or requiring a meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A least three out of four officers of STC ○ Up to \$200 from SnowFlower Budget, from contingency reserve if needed ○ Any decisions around this would be part of the treasurer's report ○ Approved
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Technology - Zach Smith's Proposal Part 1, Part 2: There is a need to have documents consolidated, better organized and accessible to appropriate people. There is a lot of information that is SF information that are connected with people's personal accounts. Currently if a key player passes, some information would not be able to be accessed. We need an electronic space that is accessible to multiple key people (administrators). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Consolidated under a domain name ○ Created administration account ○ Accessible with a password, and these could be deleted as needed. ○ We are grandfathered in and don't need to pay for it! ○ Public documents will be added to snowflower.org ○ Motion: Consolidate the domain and hosting under one company: Green Geeks ○ Approved
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Filling Cheri's Role <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rosebud prefers to have an interim Vice-President ○ Steven volunteers ○ Walt moves to approve, Gloria seconds ○ Approved
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Update of list of senior practitioners: History is that a list was formalized the list according to a criterion - being in SF prior to Green Lake Retreat. It is an advisory council (opinions and ideas

leading to those opinions). Recently, those seniors nominated others. And these people all agreed to serve.

- Original Seniors: Susan O’Leary, Jim Roseberry, David Haskin, Mary Michal, Barbara Namenwirth, Larry Mandt, Jane Peckham, Don Katz, Celeste Robbins, Steven Spiro
- New Seniors: Walt Keough, Gloria Green, Rosebud Sparer, Tom Loomis, Bonnie Trudell, Mary Gallagher, Susan Pearsall, Micha Namenwirth, Curt Pawlisch, Margot Kennard
 - This list is approved by the STC.
- Put this on the roles and responsibilities doc.
- This group will continue to nominate and finalize any additions.
 - The criteria for membership have been dropped and is up to the seniors.
 - The STC can disagree with any additions.
- On a related note, based on comments from Zach: A mentoring message will be added to each SF newsletter.

- September 26th Luncheon and update on Memorial
 - Amy proposed the luncheon to honor Cheri.
 - Seems like not enough people have stepped forward to volunteer.
 - Could we do something simple for just Sangha friends and monastics? Monastics will be in town, have a sit and simple potluck. Arboretum cohousing is possibility.
 - Mary Bennet is point person for planning the Memorial.
 - Sister Annabel Laity from Plum Village is helping to plan the Memorial for Cheri.
 - All of Tuesday is open at this point.
 - SC Council members should connect with Amy about ideas and or opinions.
 - Action: Amy will keep us abreast of developments and is trusted to move forward with any plan.

- Altar table to replace one that was thrown away.
 - Steven will offer one to replace the tiny one that was offered by Friends.
 - Action: Steven will communicate with Friends about this and its storage.

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Discussion Items

- Fall Retreat Update
 - 64 registrants as of today.
 - All going well.

- We need to do a better job of letting sangha members know what our (STC) process is so they can know how to participate. What steps could be taken to improve this?
 - How can we let all newcomers know about this?
 - Continuing questions: How do we welcome new sangha members?
 - How do we allow, cultivate new energy in the sangha?

Meeting Date/Time and Location for next time

- Next meeting December 13th, 7:00-9:00 at Walt and Gloria’s house
- Proposed agenda item:
 - Newcomer discussion