

Portland Subud Center Minutes  
General Meeting, Sunday, Aug. 14, 2016

In attendance: Camille Hofvendahl, Leana and Morris McClellan, Maria and Raphael Baker, Marilyn Schirk, Gabriella Lu, Norman and Lucy Babbitt, Fayra Teeters, and Rochmanna Miller

THE VOTE ON THE SOUTH PORCH REBUILD HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL THE SEPT. 11 MEETING. IT WILL DEFINITELY HAPPEN AT THAT MEETING.

1. Sharing Circle done
2. Minutes of 7/10/16 – amended as follows: one abstaining vote not recorded on vote

on yurt. Correction: “The Center will set up a yurt on southern end of the property. Vote: Yes: 1; No: 8; Abstention: 1.” Morris moved/Lucy seconds

3. Treasurer's Report:

- business checking acct: \$8,300 (\$1,000 transferred to Capital house fund) - savings acct: \$7,500
- capital house fund acct.: \$15,100

Morris reported that he and Maria are able to smoothly coordinate their bookkeeping and accounting efforts.

4. Leana McClellan has agreed to take on the job of facilities manager for Subud PDX. Welcome Leana!

5. Rental Enterprise of Subud PDX:

Holly has resigned after 17 years of service to the Center. Her resignation is effective Aug. 20, 2016, and all compensation to Holly will end on that date. Deepest thanks goes out to Holly for all of her good work over all these years! She trained Subud PDX member Nirel Jackson to sub for her until Aug. 20. Nirel will become the new rental property manager as of that date. A 6-month initial contract with Nirel is under discussion and will be completed before Aug. 20. (A final copy of the signed rental contract will be made available to all members to read after it is completed.) We will also be raising our rental rates somewhat.

The importance of our rental enterprise is growing due to upcoming house improvement and maintenance expenses, the loss of several sustaining members and families, etc. Marketing and promotion will be a much bigger part of the duties of our new rental property manager. Her income will be higher than Holly's for this position because we are expanding the duties of the rental manager. Here are some highlights of the proposed agreement with Nirel:

- \$500.00 monthly salary + 10% monthly commission for all rental income received during any given invoiced month after Aug. 20.

- Subud PDX will pay a portion of Nirel's cell phone bill because she will be required to give this number to renters. Subud PDX will give up Freedom Voice message on Center phone for this reason (savings of approx. \$11.00 a month).

- Nirel will be in charge of the rental website.

- Nirel will submit a marketing proposal and come to every other Center general meeting to present a report and answer questions, etc.

#### 6. South Porch Rebuild:

- Marius has submitted a bid to rebuild the south porch off of men's latihan room. His bid is \$3,138.00. Marius' plan is to maintain the current roof line, installing a door that opens both ways and installing 3 large columns on each side to carry the roof weight. Expanding the roof line would be considerably more expensive. The work needs to be done while the weather is still favorable. Plants and other landscaping features could be added to make the porch more attractive to renters and to make separate rentals of the rooms more likely. Some members expressed a feeling against porch expansion to avoid inviting renters to taking their party outside of the house. The rebuild was discussed in our budget overview meeting on July 10 and all members were invited.

- Due to requests from several of our members, the vote on this issue is postponed until our Center meeting on Sept. 11. This will give people time to get information to help them vote. Please contact Camille with any questions, concerns, and she will help you get answers.

THE VOTE ON ACCEPTING MARIUS' BID TO REBUILD THE SOUTH PORCH WILL DEFINITELY BE ON SEPT. 11. PLEASE COME PREPARED TO VOTE ON THAT DAY.

7. Latham and Marius are very concerned about the roof in the women's latihan room. The walls are pushing out under the weight of the roof. It is very important that we deal with this issue and not wait to address it until we replace the entire roof (which

could not happen until 2018). Latham and Marius are proposing the installation of a beam or cable to join the two side walls together and counter the force pushing them apart. The cost is expected to be somewhere between \$500 - \$1,000.

#### 8. Entire house exterior painting:

A bid has been submitted for \$9,500.00. This will probably take place next year. 9. Quorum number:

There is a need to clarify the quorum number that is used for voting at Subud PDX. The Committee would like to seek input from Center members on this issue. There will be a meeting after latihan on Aug. 28 to discuss this issue.

10. Susila Dharma:

Marilyn reported that the Subud PDX/Sacramento Matching fund for SD has raised a total of \$19,637.00. The match will continue until Aug. 31. DEEPEST THANKS TO ALL MEMBERS OF SUBUD PORTLAND FOR CONTINUING ITS SUPPORT OF AN ANNUAL MATCHING FUND FOR SD. It is incredibly important and greatly appreciated! Juliet's Balcony will take place again at Menucha this year. Hopefully, it will provide seed money for next year's match. Please pick out any gently-used clothing that you would like to donate. Thank you so very much.

11. Myers Briggs Workshop:

15 people will be attending the workshop on Sunday, Aug. 21. This is part of the efforts of the Communications Team at the Center.

Announcements:

1. Watch for Fayra on the 6th episode of The Librarian. She is featured. Go Girl!
2. Thanks Camille for shopping for and helping assemble the new trash can bin. It is beautiful.
3. Marilyn reported on Mary Wold's visit to Subud Portland. There was a good meeting at the house. Mary is the new Chair of SUSA. She wants to see increased communication between the National Committee and the Centers.
4. An objection was stated to groups renting the house posting flyers for their organization on our bulletin board.
5. Next meeting: Sunday, Sept. 11, 2016.