

Subud Portland General Business Meeting

December 13, 2020

Facilitator: Morris McClellan; Note Taker: Marilyn Schirk

Present: Morris and Leana McClellan, Rebecca Banyas, Maria Baker, Camille Hofvendahl, Latham Stack, Philip Lindstrom, Alexandra Boyer, Hermine Berenger, Nirel Jackson, Halima Taylor, Leonard Dixon, Susannah Lints, Marilyn Schirk, and guests David Lynch and Maryka Ford,

Action Items:

- Hermine - research bank procedures regarding donations from members
- Council - review winterizing issues; another appeal to members to increase donations to Center
- Leana - give contact phone number to selected neighbors
- Center members submit recipes for Quarantine Cuisine Cookbook

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes (Oct. 11, 2020)

To be done at February Center meeting

2. Susila Dharma - Marilyn

As in recent years, Portland will be mounting a matching fund for SD USA in 2021, with a goal of \$5,000 in seed money. Due to the cancellation of Menucha this year, fundraising for the seed money for the match will have to be done electronically. We are collecting recipes for a virtual cookbook that will be given as a thank-you gift to donors to our match campaign planned for the Spring. Please see our recipe request letter attached at the end for details.

3. Discussion of our Donation to PNW Region - Morris

Subud Portland is the major Center donor to the PNW Region. Previous to the covid pandemic, we were giving \$750 a month to PNW. After the pandemic began, we cut back to a \$625 monthly donation. SPNW has reduced its donation to SUSA due to covid disruptions, and needs financial support from its members. Discussion took place regarding another potential reduction in our contributions to SPNW. Although Subud Portland's monthly income has been approximately \$800 less than its expenses during the covid pandemic months, rental income should rebound in the months to come, several staffing expenses have decreased due to the pandemic, and several of our Subud Portland members have increased their monthly donation to the Center. General feeling was in favor of continuing our monthly donation at the current level. Morris moved that Subud Portland continue to contribute \$650 a month to SPNW until March 31 and then reevaluate at that point. Susannah 2nd the motion, and it was passed unanimously. Please consider starting or increasing your monthly donation to help Subud Portland and SPNW bridge this difficult time.

Discussion took place regarding how contributions can be made to Subud Portland through our bank (USB). Currently, many members instruct their bank to automatically send a paper check

for their monthly donation to the house, and then Jasminah has to pick the checks up at the house to deposit them. This slows the process and could create banking fees. Hermine has volunteered to research ways to circumvent the paper copy portion of the procedure.

Changes:

Account balances were reported:

Regular checking = \$2,752 (includes one-time repayment of \$1,400 loan)

Capital checking = \$7,456 (aka House Fund)

Savings account = \$7,495

4. Winterizing the Subud house - Morris

Various issues were discussed. When heavy snow is followed by rain, it can create a dangerous weight on the roof. Leaves can clog gutters. Fallen tree limbs remain a potential threat. Leana checks on the house in person every week. She will also give several neighbors she is familiar with her phone number to call in case they spot a problem. She had reduced the heat to 62 degrees, and switched on the pipe heater to prevent freezing. We have rock salt stored in the basement in case sidewalks become icy and frozen over. The council will review these and any other winterizing issues.

5. Center Directory - Alexandra

Please review your information in the Center Directory document that Alexandra sent out today. Please inform her of any inaccuracies.

6. New Years Eve Celebration

It was agreed that we would do a New Years Eve zoom party. Attendees are invited to bring some kind of festive contribution - a poem, song, story, etc. Festivities will begin at 7:30 pm. Watch for the invitation.

7. Sharing Circle to conclude meeting

Cookbook Recipe Solicitation letter:

ANNOUNCING

Quarantine Cuisine

A Virtual Cookbook

During this time of quarantine, challenges and uncertainty, we are also in a time of renewed consciousness and purpose. While we hunker down in our quarantine bubbles, the Susila Dharma projects valiantly carry on their missions with even more urgency. For years, Subud Portland has depended on our fellow Menuchans to support our fundraising efforts for Susila Dharma USA with silent auctions, snack bars and clothing

exchanges. After the cancellation of Menucha this year, we had to rethink our fundraising approach.

"Let's do a cookbook!" we said. Not an ordinary, printed cookbook that we would sell, but rather a virtual cookbook that we offer to donors.

But first of all, we are seeking recipes from you. We want a recipe that fills you with joy, something you want to share with your Subud family. You can include a photo, a note about why this recipe is special to you, however you would like to present it. We will gather all the recipes and your love and generosity into Quarantine Cuisine, a Virtual Cookbook. We will then spread the love by sharing the cookbook with those who donate to our 2021 fundraising effort.

Let 2021 be a time of vaccine, and may Menucha be in full swing!

To make the cookbook happen, we need your recipes! By January 10, 2021, please email your recipe in Word or Pages format to Maria. We welcome any story or note or photo you care to include on your page, and don't forget your name. You can share more than one recipe, but no more than one per page, please. If you would rather use snail mail, please send to Leana McClellan, 3127 NE 103rd Place, #B, Portland, OR 97220. If you have any questions, please contact any of us.

Marilyn Shirk	503-297-5066	mysusila@comcast.net
Leana McClellan	503-841-5387	leanamcc@gmail.com
Maria Baker	503-734-8211	baker.maria1970@gmail.com

*Thank you for sharing your recipe
and helping us build the cookbook!*