

Portland Subud Center

Minutes for Business Meeting of Sunday, February 11, 2018

In Attendance: Camille Hofvendahl, Leana McClellan, Raphael Baker, Marilyn Schirk, Lucy and Norman Babbitt, Nirel Jackson, Lusijah Marx, Marius Harold, Michael Clemes, Harris and Maya Clemes, Rochmanna Miller, Harianna Chilstrom, Rebecca Banyas, Mira Spies, Isadora Roth, Lillian Schulman, Samuel Czuba, Hermine Berenger, Reynold and Josephina Orchard, and Susanna Lints

Action Items:

- Roof repair - next steps?
- Sending check to WSA for World Congress
- Locating working committee rosters, job descriptions of official Committee positions (chair, treasurer, secretary, vice-chair, etc.), and Bylaws - for Michael
- Solving banking problem with Jasminah
- Locating support for Michael - new Committee members, etc.
- Hermine - planning for Vancouver
- Reynold - meeting for World Congress/assistance fund for members who need funds to attend the Subud World Congress

1. Quiet, Circle Check-In

2. Approval of Minutes for Center Meeting on Dec. 10, 2017 - unanimously approved as written.

3. Treasurer's Report - None presented due to absence of Treasurer. Here are the financial figures from the minutes of Dec. 10, 2017: Account Balances: Business Account = \$8,500.00

Savings Account = \$7,500.00

Capital Account = \$12,500.00

Susila Dharma Account = \$3,021.00

4. Susila Dharma - Marilyn

Due to Anisha's Kitchen Garden Project (KGP) expansion this year, Subud members are invited to join with non-Subud donors to help close the funding gap for year 3 of the KGP. If you would like to help out with this

effort, please see the flyers at the Center and also talk to Marilyn about it. Deepest Thanks.

5. New Business -

- Camille - A new roof must be installed on the men's latihan room in the Spring. The cost will be between \$25,000 - \$30,000. We will have to take a loan to meet this expense. We will have to be careful about expenditures in the near future due to this big capital expense.

- Marius - Asked the Center to make a donation to help cover the expenses of the Subud World Congress this summer. He made a motion: "Subud Portland will donate \$2,000.00 from its general treasury to the World Subud Association to help defray the costs of the World Congress." Discussion followed. Pros and cons were voiced. The possibilities of using a "matching" fund format or earmarking our donation for Zone 7 only were discussed and discarded. The question was called. Vote: 16 yes; 4 no; abstain 1. The measure carried.

6. Testing for new Chair Person for Subud Portland --

- Michael Clemes was willing to test for the position of Chairperson of Subud Portland. There were no other volunteers or nominations. Testing followed with Michael and two men helpers. Two questions were asked: 1. Show through your testing, how is it for you if you are Chair of Subud Portland? 2. Show through your testing how is it for Subud Portland if you are Chair? The testing for both questions was reported to be very positive. A vote was called for on the question of Michael being the next chair of Subud Portland. The vote was unanimously in favor of Michael becoming Chair. Welcome Michael! Thank you for taking this job on. Michael is retiring from his career at the end of March, and he feels that he can take up Chairperson responsibilities in April. Camille will continue to serve as Chairperson until Michael takes over in April. Thank you so very much Camille for all of your wonderful service as Chair of Subud Portland. Michael asked if there were any rosters for the various committee groups, job descriptions for the official Committee positions, and a copy of our bylaws. Morris agreed to look for these, and to send them to him.

6. Other Committee positions -

- Marilyn is willing to continue as recording secretary for taking minutes at the bi-monthly Center business meetings.

- Jasminah has agreed to do the books for the Center. The bank has been unable to get Yasmina's name on the various Portland accounts, and she is still unable to sign checks, etc. Hopefully, this will be remedied soon. Morris does a quarterly financial report for the Center for which we pay him.

- Michael feels a need for help and support as he enters this new position. Reynold and Rachmanna talked about the Helper's Dewan that can offer inner support and help. There is a Helper/Committee meeting every fourth Wednesday evening of the month. This offers a great source of help. If you feel that you can offer Michael help by becoming active on the Committee, please talk to him.

Announcements:

1. Lusijah - She is hosting a potluck at her house on Sunday, Feb. 25, at 5:30 pm. The meeting is a chance to socialize with other Subud Portland members, and to share our interests and vision for future community activities. This will be a great opportunity for building community here in our Subud group.

2. Hermine - She is taking on the task of coordinating Portland's role as local Center host for the SUSA Congress in Vancouver, WA over Memorial Day weekend in May. She will be working with our group to shape a plan for activities that we might want to propose to make available for attendees.

3. Reynold - He will be organizing a meeting for Subud Portland members who are planning on attending the Subud World Congress in Freiburg, Germany this summer. He donated a book to the Center highlighting Freiburg. Thank you Reynold. Early-bird registration ends March 13. Accommodations are booking up. Hotels are expensive, but less expensive options are becoming available also. Reynold may ask the group to set up a fund to assist Portland Subud members interested in attending who need help with expenses.

4. Lillian - She reminded the group that SYA has travel funds available to assist Subud youth to attend the Congress.

Next Circle Meeting: Sunday, March 11, 2018

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

