

## Subud Portland – Minutes for the Monthly Meeting of February 21, 2016

In attendance: Hermine Berenger, Lusijah Marx, Mira Spies, Marius Harold, Fayra Teeters, Leana McClellan, Rochmanna Miller, Latham Stack, Marilyn Schirk, Norman and Lucy Mitchell-Babbitt, Rayner Ward, Raphael and Maria Baker, Steven Czuba, Camille Hofvendahl, and Rebecca Banyas.

Thank you to Hermine for facilitating this meeting. Latham Stack has offered to facilitate the next meeting on March 13, 2016. Thanks Latham.

### Key for Voting details:

Motion = M

Second = 2<sup>nd</sup>

Result = R

#### 1. Brief check-in from all attendees

#### 2. Announcements:

- Lusijah Marx – April 3, after latihan at Subud house – follow-up to film and meeting at Menucha regarding making communities more welcoming – look at micro-aggressions that create a non-welcoming closed atmosphere
- Norman Mitchell-Babbitt – Next film night is scheduled for March 5, (due to house being booked on March 12)
- Hermine Berenger – Upcoming Regional Congress in Seattle – March 19. A new Chair is needed for the Region due to end of term of Alexandra terHorst.
- Marilyn Schirk – Hanafi Fraval of Subud L. A. is requesting donations for Subud signage on Subud L. A. building.

M: Marilyn – Subud Portland to donate \$200.00 with extra donations welcome

2<sup>nd</sup>: Lusijah

R: Unanimous yes (Total Center donation and individual donations = \$375.00.)

#### 3. Minutes of 12/13/15 approved with one change: Reference to Nirel working on Subud Portland website: change “\$500.00 to do the work” to read: “\$500.00 to start the work.”

#### 4. Treasurer’s Report: Maria Baker presented a Profit and Loss Statement by Month for 2015 (see attached below).

Checking acct. balance: \$7,500.00 (after transferring \$824.00 to the House Fund

Savings acct. balance: \$7,500.00

Susila Dharma acct. balance: \$3,230.00

House Fund acct. balance: \$19,527.

#### 5. Susila Dharma: Marilyn reported. There will be a joint Portland/Sacramento matching fund this spring and summer for SDUSA. We are now over \$3,000.00 in our SD account here in Portland, and our goal is to raise a Portland total of \$5,000.00 to combine with Sacramento to create one fund. Date selected of May 28

for silent auction seemed to be unsatisfactory due to its being on Memorial Day weekend. This date will be cancelled, and a survey will go out to all members to get feedback on spring fundraiser for Susila Dharma USA. Please watch for the survey that will be coming soon over list serve. We need your input.

6. Communications Meeting: Maria Baker reported on meeting held 1/31/16 to discuss how our Center makes decisions. Quorum amount is 15% of all active members. The annual census of SUSA could be used to determine "active members" status. The SPNW bylaws give a center the power to make it's own rules, regulations and bylaws as long as not inconsistent with SUSA and SPNW bylaws. During the meeting there was discussion about a majority vote vs. super-majority on important issues; agreed it is reasonable to have presentations with no questions until after; open to the idea of silent voting; suggested use of email survey to vote on important issues. More discussion to continue.

7. Marius presented budget details on the ceiling project. Total cost: \$4,278.94. This was \$1,628.44 over original estimate. Marius offered to only ask for \$500.00 additional payment.

M: Lusijah – Payment of full amount of overage of \$1,628.44

2<sup>nd</sup>. Mira

R: Unanimous yes (Deepest appreciation to Marius for his work on this job.)

8. Facilities Report – Raphael Baker is no longer Property Manager. Raphael suggests a committee of members who can oversee the facility. They can rotate quarterly so that one person takes responsibility. Marius, Rayner, Stephen and Latham all offered to be on this committee. Thank you everyone! Raphael recommended members of the above mentioned committee and group members maintain the exterior rather than hire professional gardening services (which are costly and not needed several months of the year).

9. Exterior Plan – Hermine presented for Michael due to his absence for Helper work. Michael sent a summary of results of his comment process on Landscaping plan (see attached). He recommended that the group vote on the following plan to approve "A non-binding vote to accept the design in principle." Discussion followed with expression of a wide range of opinions for and against this statement. In the course of the discussion, the group expressed strong appreciation of Michael for all of his hard work on the exterior design plan, and asked that he be paid his professional fee. There was discussion about changing the wording of the motion but it was decided to go ahead with the motion on the floor.

M: Marius – Motion to vote on the statement in Michael's report that calls for "a non-binding vote to accept the design in principle".

2<sup>nd</sup>:

R: 11 yeses; 6 nos – Motion passes

10. New Chairperson needed – Hermine led discussion. An ongoing Chairperson is very important to establish consistency at the Center. Several possibilities were suggested. Camille has agreed to pre-test for Chair. Thanks so much Camille. At time of the meeting, we are still hoping for members to come forward to pre-test for Chair.

11. After meeting, a small group met to do check in about any unfinished feelings from the meeting.