

## **Minutes of Subud Portland General Meeting for Sunday, February 9, 2014**

**Present:** Gabriella Lu and Bhakti Watts, Co-Chairs, Lucy Babbitt, Beata and Michael Alexander, Alexandra and Peter TerHorst, Rochmannah Miller, Mira Spies, Rayner Ward, Camille Hofvendahl, Latham Stack, Hilda and Marius Harold, LeAnna Dolan, Fayra Teeters, Hermine Berenger. Maria and Raphael Baker, Leana McClellan.

The meeting was opened with silence.

**Approval of Monthly Minutes:** The Co-Chairs asked for approval of January 2014 minutes. This was followed by discussion of memory of minutes – they are sent out shortly after each general meeting via email.

### **Treasury Report, by Leana McClellan, Treasurer:**

- 23 households have pledged.
- \$987.50 per month pledged.
- There are some who contribute regularly who may not have pledged.
- There are some members who do not pledge or contribute. For those who do not contribute, it would be very helpful if you would pledge to contribute \$2.00 per month and stick with it.
- Please email Morris McClellan if you want information on how to set up an auto payment.
- Business checking: \$9,174.32
- \$1006.81 in Friends of Susila Dharma. There is an additional \$2900.00 in Friends of SD which is going to Mithra.

### **Puebla:**

- Fund raising for support for attendance to World Congress has been tabled.
- Haris has proposed a meeting after latihan to discuss giving a Subud Portland presentation at the World Congress. Gabriella will talk to Haris about date of this meeting.

**Spanish Class:** Monday evening class 6:30-7:45 pm start date has been postponed until March 3. Email Beata if you would like to attend. We will meet prior to latihan at Subud Center. Please have dinner beforehand or bring a brown bag dinner. Email Beata Alexander [beata822@aol.com](mailto:beata822@aol.com) if you would like to attend.

### **Mithra School Discipline Issues:**

Leana gave description of January meeting regarding issues at Mithra School. The Mithra School Findings Committee has been investigating allegations of discipline problems at the school, and the Committee did not find a problem with discipline. It was one family who said the substitute teacher had pinched a child and put a child outside in the sun; media was contacted, and media made a large media event out of this. It was noted that this family has not paid the fees that they owe and this may be a reason why they made these allegations.

### **National Congress – Pittsburg, PA: Memorial Day weekend, May 23-26**

It was proposed that Subud Portland pay the expenses for the Co-Chairs to attend as delegates; these are working positions. Delegates attend meetings for most of the Congress, and it is hard work. Further discussed how much support should be given. Bhakti will conduct a cost investigation. It was suggested that we can ask Morris about what kind of support Subud USA offers him to attend National; Latham will check about the early bird registration deadline and get back to Gabriella and Bhakti.

### **Pacific Northwest Regional Dewan: Dates: March 29-30**

- Housing Committee: Hermine Berenger: Hermine will check with Robina Page and let us know how many more housing places regional helpers will need. Please contact Hermine at [herminetb@gmail.com](mailto:herminetb@gmail.com) or 805-276-2864 if you can offer housing to regional helpers.
- Fayra Teeters will coordinate **2 potluck lunches** (for Saturday March 29 and Sunday March 30).
- **Movie night** will be **Saturday, March 29**, due to the regional helpers' request for movie night. The movie, Like Water for Chocolate, set in Mexico, will be shown in anticipation of Puebla Congress. It was requested we bring good chocolate.
- Marius Harold reported that details of the visit are being discussed. The regional and local helpers will need to talk a bit, and there will be a meeting on Saturday. Sunday there will be a Kejiwaan Day.
- Beata reported that regional women helpers would like to test with those who are called to be regional helpers for next 5 years. Contact Elisha Gullixson if you are interested.

### **S.I.C.A.**

Discussion of Isman's (Chair of National SICA USA) request to have expenses paid for a SICA presentation and testing visit to Subud Portland. It was pointed

out SICA testing can be done at regional gathering at National Congress and in Puebla. **Motion:** Shall Subud Portland provide funds for Isman's expenses? **Result:** While Isman is always welcome, it was passed that Subud Portland not cover his expenses for a visit. Fayra will let Isman know.

**Landscape Design:** Michael Alexander is reading the suggestions emailed to him. He will start the design survey toward the end of this month, and will keep us informed. He has received the 10% nonrefundable \$75.00 to conduct the design survey. He will receive payment for the design if the group accepts the design.

**Report from Property Manager, Raphael Baker:**

Raphael has been able to see a great deal of potential for the house and he has completed the following:

- Finished painting the outside details: doors, trim, etc, including sanding, priming, painting.
- Scrubbed the entry tile
- Cleaned out the basement – including all kinds of things collected over the years; everything was coated with dust from the foundation project. Basement is much cleaner and neater now.
- Marius, Michael, Emile, Stephen, Rayner, and Morris helped.
- Talked about his visit to Seattle house. He met with their Property Manager, Marston. Marston said they relied on professional landscape and interior designers in the group to help in the process of making it a prestigious rental place.
- He will put together a property manual for future Subud Portland property managers.
- He proposed forming a small subcommittee to discuss what can be done; he will put together a questionnaire.
- He noticed the signage is getting tattered. Gabriella volunteered to work on the signage.
- Discussion of members' things stored in basement; we will discuss in later general meetings whether a payment can be made by members to store some things in basement, when approved by the property manager.
- Interim painting, carpets, display cabinets ideas. Raphael will work with Michael to determine funds we might have for inside/outside renovations.
- It was asked that Raphael write a proposal for property manager monthly payment so that this can be discussed by Subud Portland next general meeting.

**Concert offered by Luther Schulz and Elisha Gullixson:**

Beata reported that Luther and Elisha have volunteered to tour Subud centers to do a benefit concert for each group. All proceeds will benefit each group individually. Elisha will tune Subud Portland's piano. It was proposed and passed that we accept their generous offer. Their preferred Subud Portland concert date is **May 17**. If this does not work for the group, June 7<sup>th</sup> is possible.

**Visioning Meeting March 8, 5:30 pm at Gabriella Lu's home:**

Bhakti and Gabriella will provide a soup and salad dinner for this meeting. Please follow emails for details.

**Agenda items request:**

It was requested that agenda items for each general meeting be sent to Gabriella via email by the **Wednesday** before each meeting.