

# Subud Portland General Business Meeting

January 17, 2021; 12:00 pm

Facilitator: Morris McClellan; Note Taker: Marilyn Schirk

Present: Morris and Leana McClellan, Rebecca Banyas, Maria Baker, Camille Hofvendahl, Philip Lindstrom, Alexandra Boyer, Hermine Berenger, Halima Taylor, Susannah Lints, Marius Harold, Michael Clemes, Lusijah Marx, Jackie Magner, Rosetta Koach, Mira Spies, Raven Playfaire, and Marilyn Schirk

## Action Items:

- 2020 Annual Financial Report - Morris
  - Joint Helper/Council Meeting to discuss issues as outlined below in item number 4
  - Center members submit recipes for Quarantine Cuisine Cookbook
1. Approval of Center Meeting Minutes for Oct. 11, 2020  
Moved (Marius) and seconded (Hermine) - passed unanimously

Approval of Center Meeting Minutes for Dec. 13, 2020  
Moved (Maria) and seconded (Hermine) - passed unanimously

## 2. Susila Dharma - Marilyn

Center members are invited to attend a special zoom presentation on the Susila Dharma project in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Marilyn will send the zoom invitation out on the Center list-serve. Members are reminded to submit a recipe for the Quarantine Cuisine Virtual Cookbook. These cookbooks will be thank you gifts to donors to the Portland SD USA Match this year. Please send these to Maria by mid-February. Photos and personal notes are encouraged. The SD USA Fall Fundraiser for 2020 raised over \$40,000 to fund SD projects in 2021.

### 3. Financial Report - Morris

Morris will be closing the books for 2020 and sending a financial report out for the year. He will soon be sending out 1099's. He reported the following balances in our accounts:

Regular Checking = \$3,975

Capital Checking = \$7,456

Savings Account = \$7,495

Pay Pal/Supplies = \$209

Morris expressed the opinion that due to the postponement of the roof project and a recent increase in donations, it appears that Subud Portland will probably be able to recover from the financial stresses of the pandemic as the year progresses. We will reexamine our decision to continue our \$625 donation to the PNW Region in our March business meeting in the light of our financial picture at that time.

### 4. Helper Information - Marius and Camille

Marius reported on the latihan schedule. In-person latihans are being held at the House on Thursday pm and Sunday am. They are being held under very clear restrictions. If members want to do in-person latihan at the House, you must call Marius or Camille to make a reservation. Currently, 4-6 people wearing masks are being scheduled for each latihan, and participants are required to stay within a defined area in the room. Members must complete a form before participating in in-person latihan and then sign-in every time they do latihan at the house. Out-of-town members present a special challenge due to their unfamiliarity with these restrictions. How to handle testing is another issue that needs consideration. Halima suggested that the Helpers and Council members should meet to discuss creating a protocol for how to handle latihan visitors and testing, and Morris offered to set up a zoom meeting on our House zoom account.

### 5. Member Updates - Camille and Hermine

At the request of Hamilton Cheifetz, Camille reported that he has received clear cancer scans and is back at work. He has stepped down from SICA Chair position, and Paul Nelson has taken over that post. Nirel is now serving as editor of the PNW newsletter.

Hermine reported that Vien is recovering well from his cancer surgery, and hopes to be able to join into some kind of contact with Subud members. She asked if anyone has a vacuum cleaner that they might be able to loan or pass on to Vien. Rosetta may have one, and the House has an extra vacuum that might be an option also.

6. Housekeeping Items - Leana

If you come to the House on Wednesday mornings or after, look to see if the trash can is still out on the street, and bring it back up on the porch. (Also, please remember to flush if you use the toilet.)

7. Deepest thanks to the Council leadership team for continuing to meet and provide continuity for the Center during this pandemic period.

8. Sharing Circle to conclude meeting

9. Future Meeting Schedule:

Center Sharing Meeting - Sunday, Feb. 14, 2021

Center Business Meeting - Sunday, March 14, 2021

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! Please email your recipe in Word or Pages format to Maria by mid-February, 2021. 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:

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

Rebecca's Edits: I added them in blue above. Mar.