

## Subud Portland General Business Meeting (Draft)

June 12, 2022; 11:15 am

Facilitator: Morris McClellan

Note Taker: Marilyn Schirk

Present: Morris and Leana McClellan, Maria Baker, Reynold Orchard, Marius Harold, Samuel Czuba, Philip Lindstrom, Latham Stack, Halima Taylor, Chris Wagner, Nirel Jackson, and Marilyn Schirk

### Action Items:

- All members - consider testing for role of new Chair Person
- Maria - send Marius past roof repair plans from the architect
- Morris, Marius, and Maria - on-going Roof Repair Team
- Nirel and Philip - research/offer visibility options for Subud to community

In-Person Meeting convened at 11:15 am.

### 1. Meeting objective - Morris

To identify new Center leadership. Present Council members (Morris, Maria, and Rebecca) are stepping down, and requesting that all Subud Portland members consider testing for Committee positions. Based on personal testing, Morris will continue to work on the roof project and as Center book-keeper. Historically, Subud Portland Chairs/Vice-Chairs are tested in; Secretary/Treasurer are not. Latham, as incoming Chair of Subud PNW, would like to help Subud Portland with establishing new Committee Leadership. Deepest gratitude expressed by all for the work done by the present Council to maintain leadership for the Center during the Covid pandemic.

### 2. Responsibilities of Chair-person (extracted from Subud organizational information)

Chairperson's Responsibilities (some duties are often delegated to other members):

- 1) Provide organizational channels to meet the needs of the center.
- 2) Provide a forum for members' ideas, wishes, criticisms, etc.
- 3) Provide for and make arrangements for maintenance of a suitable facility for the practice of the latihan with assistance from the committee or a subcommittee. (NOTE: In our group, this means attention to the maintenance of the house and gardens, sidewalk issues, etc.; overseeing cleaning; upkeep of equipment and appliances; organizing subcommittees for various projects. The roof repair issues will be handled by the Roof Repair Team - Mo, Maria and Marius)
- 4) Organize and, if appropriate, preside over regularly scheduled meetings for the committee, committee and helpers, and general membership. A general or specific agenda should be prepared. Minutes of general meetings should be taken, and forwarded to the group for approval prior to the next meeting.
- 5) Review the finances of the center.
- 6) Organize and/or oversee all fundraising, both by donation and special event.
- 7) Actively participate in center or regional activities.

- 8) Act as a liaison and/or representative with other levels of the Subud organization. (NOTE: Attend regular zoom or call-in meetings with the SPNW Regional board.)
- 9) Participate in regularly scheduled latihan with the committee and helpers.
- 10) Act to unify thoughts and feelings in committee and membership meetings to facilitate harmonious action.
- 11) Encourage the center to participate, at some level, in wing activities.

### 3. Roof Update - Morris

Cost of construction materials has increased significantly. We may have to scale back the extent of the roof repair. High-end estimates for the job run approximately \$200,000 - \$250,000. We may have to drop down into the \$120,000 price range by looking at the earlier plans to see how we can cut back on the scope of the project. There were originally 3 plans that were being considered. Maria will contact the architect to see if we can get the earlier plans. The City of Portland has returned \$4,800 to SPDx for permit fees that were not used.

Marius will work with the roof team and look at all 3 roof plan options. We need to consider what the building improvement needs are, and what level of repair work we want to aim for.

Latham does not feel that the lines he set up to measure wall movement have shown noticeable bowing out of walls. Marius feels that the framing around the stage is helping to keep the roof stable.

### 4. Discussion: Visibility of Subud

Nirel expressed a desire for more visibility for Subud in the community - placards outside of house, postcards, statements regarding the essence of Subud, etc. - several members agreed. Philip and Nirel will gather examples of text, postcards, etc., that they will offer for consideration by the Group.

5. We will reconvene in approximately a month to take up the question of selecting a new Chair for Subud Portland. Please consider testing for this vital role.