

Portland Subud Center Meeting Minutes

Date: July 9, 2017

ANNOUNCEMENT: AS OF SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2017, THE WOMEN WILL BE DOING ALL GROUP LATIHANS IN SOUTH LATIHAN ROOM AND MEN WILL DO ALL GROUP LATIHANS IN THE EAST LATIHAN ROOM (CONTAINING PIANO AND STAGE).

Present: Camille Hofvendahl, Maria and Raphael Baker, Leana and Morris McClellan, Marilyn Schirk, Lucy and Norman Babbit, Elizabeth Maghran, Samuel Czuba, Marius Harold, Gabriella Lu, and Josephina Orchard

Camille began the meeting by inviting attendees to do a check-in.

1. Motion by Lucy to approve Center Meeting minutes of May 7, 2017; seconded by Morris. Unanimous approval.
2. Treasurer's Report: We have approximately \$10,000.00 in our banking account. We paid the house painter \$7,700.00. Yasmina and Maria are meeting this week to transfer Treasurer's responsibilities to Yasmina. Gabriella will work with Morris to help with bookkeeping tasks.
3. Rental Report: Nirel was not present. Rentals have slowed down a bit. Blue Iris has recently made rental payments of \$3,200.00.
4. House Management: Leana and Samuel are sharing house management duties. Samuel is doing the outside and Leana the inside. Thanks to you both.
5. Gabriella is inviting all Subud Portland members to join her at the house on Tuesdays to help with painting and other tasks. Call or email her to offer your help and set a time to come to the house to help out. Thanks so much for taking this initiative Gabriella.
6. Susila Dharma: Marilyn reported that the Portland/Sacramento Matching Fund for SDUSA for 2017 has begun. It was kicked-off at the SUSA Congress in MD. The total seed money for the match is \$6,000.00 and it will run through September 1, 2017. This fund more than doubles

itself typically, and is a very big part of the money that SDUSA has to give out in its grants each year. Thank you Subud Portland for your support.

7. Camille has SICA calendars for 2018 at the Center for sale. This is a great way to support SIC. She raised the question of exploring options for funding all of the Subud Wings, including SICA. Fundraising for SICA and SES is difficult. Can SUSA build in funding for all the Wings in its budget? Morris reported that in the future, interest from the SUSA Endowment may possibly be tapped to provide some Wing funding. Marilyn reported that the issue of joint fundraising for all of the Wings has been discussed for several years by the Wings and the SUSA Board. Funding is very tight for all of the Subud entities.

8. Subud USA Congress in Maryland: Three of our members attended the Congress - Marius, Josephina, and Marilyn. All 3 reported that the Congress was a truly rewarding and spiritually uplifting experience. The latihans were wonderful, and the kedjiwan experience was so good.

Marilyn did a workshop at the Congress entitled "Subud Interfaces With the World". 17 people attended. It raised the issue of how Subud members might be able to work together to address issues around peace and social concern/justice issues within a framework of Subud maintaining its organizational neutrality on controversial issues. Muftiah McCartin, Committee Counselor to the SUSA Executive Committee, worked with Marilyn on the workshop, and prepared a report about the workshop. The report is included in the email containing the minutes of the Center Meeting. Marilyn will be happy to answer any questions about the workshop/report.

9. Maria: Menucha needs to upgrade its roads for a total of \$20,000.00. They have requested donations from supporting organizations. A motion was made by Maria and seconded by Marilyn to donate \$250.00 from Subud Portland. This was passed unanimously. Camille will also request that Subud PNW match that amount in a donation to Menucha.

10. Our list serve needs updating and maintenance. Lucy has volunteered to maintain the list serve. She will update it and keep the list current. Thanks so very much Lucy.

11. There has been some discussion regarding a regularly scheduled

daytime latihan. Lucy will send out an email in the fall asking for input from our membership on preferences if this is organized.

12. Leana: A book club is being organized. A person to head this up is needed and it needs a title. The current book being read is *The Zoo Keeper's Wife*.

Announcements:

1. Poems For Peace - Sept. 21. Morris is working with the Unitarian Church and SICA to co-sponsor this event. Watch for more details.
2. The Great Create - Art Camp; August 24 - 27. This event will be held at Port Orchard, WA. Watch for flyers at the house and announcements on the list serve.
3. Sunday birthday party - July 30. This event is to celebrate all members who have turned 70 this year. Leana is organizing.