

Portland Subud Center Meeting Minutes – June 13, 2016

In attendance: Camille Hofvendahl, Leana McClellan, Maria and Raphael Baker, Steven Czuba, Norman and Lucy Babbit, Marius and Hilda Harold, Jackie Magner, Latham Stack, Fayra Teeters, Mary Kimsey, Lusijah Marx, Beata and Michael Alexander, Hamilton Cheifetz, Marilyn Schirk

1. Check-ins

2. Approval of minutes of May 8, 2016

Moved by Latham; 2nd by Maria; Unanimous approval

3. Treasurer's Report

Capital account - \$14,800.00 (after \$4,800.00 paid for windows)

Savings account - \$7,500.00

Checking account - \$7,700.00 (after \$1,250.00 transferred to Capital account)

SD account - \$300.00

Morris and Hamilton will be representing Subud Portland at the SUSA Congress. Subud Portland will be paying airfare and registration for both, and the room for Morris.

4. Susila Dharma Report Upcoming events:

Susila Dharma Forum meeting – July 24 after latihan

Time to explore your own SD; discuss future directions for SD in Portland,

learn about the Congo and Anisha projects and grants, etc.

Juliet's Balcony at Menucha again – collect items please

Global Warming Workshop - Feb. 12, 2017 – Latham is presenting

5. Communications Team Meeting

Very good meeting on May 15. Marilyn will send notes out to all members on the list-serve.

Myers-Briggs Workshop - Aug. 21, 2016 – Le Anna Dolan, a trained M-B presenter, will be leading workshop designed to facilitate communications at Subud Portland by focusing on personality factors that help to shape our social interactions. Come and learn about this helpful way to understand ourselves and others.

Gay Pride Walk on June 19. Lusijah is inviting our members to participate with Quest Center in the walk. Contact Lusijah for more information.

6. SICA Calendars are ready and "selling like hotcakes". Talk to Camille to order one.

7. House and Grounds Update:

Camille called Metro to get information on their available grants. All of the grants for this year for planting are gone. Subud Portland is on their list for future grant announcements. One grant possibility is their EMSWCD grant that is given for

educational purposes. We may be eligible for \$1,500.00 to apply to our Global Warming Workshop in Feb. Metro may be able to promote the workshop on their blog. Camille will explore with Metro.

8. Budget and Proposed Projects Overview:

Latham did a presentation on two aspects of Subud Portland's finances: Projected budgets and long-term planning for proposed house and landscape improvements. His goal for the presentation was to help members better understand the group's finances and how to apply that to decision making about projected house and landscape improvements. Latham presented five pages of budget figures and estimated calendar and costs of proposed improvements. These are very interesting, but the group realized that more time and attention needs to be paid to them. The Center meeting on July 10 will be dedicated to looking closely to Latham's documents. Latham will forward these documents to the Committee and they will be sent out on the list-serve.

At this point, Latham is not asking that we design a detailed budget for 2016. In general, we did a good job of projecting the 2015 budget.

Projected costs could probably be absorbed by Center surplus until 2018. The women's latihan hall roof is projected to be replaced in 2018 at a cost of approximately \$26,000.00. The Center may need to borrow to pay for this expense. PNW is able to loan us up to \$20,000.00 interest free to pay for projects that could be repaid in \$200.00 increments over 20 years. Latham is worried about the impact of borrowing on the financial picture of the Center in the future but feels that we will probably have to do that.

Maria and Latham will work together to take a closer look at the projected projects (especially landscape and men's latihan room back porch) and get ready to discuss this at the meeting on July 10. Latham advised us to hold off on making changes on this back porch. They need to be coordinated with any landscape changes that the Center approves. Michael prefers to not participate in landscape design planning at this point due to obligations regarding his upcoming move. Anisha Center drought resistant plantings are doing very well and are a good example of this type of landscaping.

The windows have arrived and Marius will install several to get ready to work with volunteers to install the rest. Hopefully, this will be completed this summer.

9. Poetry Night is scheduled at the house on June 18 at 7:30 pm. Everyone is invited.