

Subud Portland – Minutes for the Monthly Meeting on

March 13, 2016

In attendance: Camille Hofvendahl, Marius Harold, Leana and Morris McClellan, Rochmanna Miller, Latham Stack, Marilyn Schirk, Norman and Lucy Mitchell-Babbit, and Maria Baker

Key for Voting details:

Motion = M

Second = 2nd

Result = R

1. Brief check-in from all attendees

2. Introduce new Committee:

Chair – Camille Hofvendahl

Treasurer – Maria Baker

Vice Chair – Leana McClellan

Interim Secretary – Marilyn Schirk

Camille reported that she had offered in the last meeting to test for Chair with the Helper group. After receiving positive results, she then offered to move into the position of Chair. This was never tested by the entire group, and Camille wants to be sure that our rules are followed. If anyone wishes that we have entire group testing on this, please bring your concern to the Committee.

3. Approve Minutes of 2/21/16

M – Marius – move to accept minutes as presented

2nd – Norm

R – unanimous approval

4. Treasurer's Report:

Checking acct. balance: \$7,500.00

(after \$1000.00 transferred to the House Fund)

Savings acct. balance: \$7,500.00

Susila Dharma acct. balance: \$3,350.00

Capital House Fund acct. balance: \$17,400.00

Donations received in Feb.: \$1,455.00

Rentals in Feb.: \$2,992.00

It was stated that Camille's expenses for trip to PNW Regional meeting next weekend should be paid by the Center.

5. Announce Potluck 5/7/16

Camille announced that there will be a general Center Potluck on Saturday, May 7 at 6:30. All members are encouraged to attend and enjoy a social evening. More information will be coming.

6. Susila Dharma:

Marilyn announced the Subud Portland/Subud Sacramento SDUSA Matching Fund for 2016. Portland has a goal of raising \$5,000.00 for seed money for this match, and Sacramento has set a goal of \$1,000.00. This combined match of \$6,000.00 will be announced at the SUSA Congress set for the week of July 6 in Indianapolis, IN. With money in the Friends of SD account, individual donations (both on-going and one time only), snack bar proceeds, etc., we are only \$870.00 short of our goal of \$5,000.00 here in Portland. We are making an appeal to our members to make a donation towards this shortfall of \$870.00. Look for donation forms at the Center. Deepest gratitude for any and all donations. We will be doing a very short SD segment at the potluck on May 7, and having a very limited silent auction using items that we have already collected. A survey will be coming out this summer to survey members on desired SD activities here at the Center.

7. Communications Team:

Marilyn announced that there will be a meeting of the Communications Team here at the Center on Sunday, March 20 after latihan. Come and give input and listen to others as we share about possible directions Subud Portland could take in this very important area. Watch for more info on list serve announcements. It was expressed in the meeting that it is very important that we be diligent about working on communications issues so that remedies will be in place when conflict arises. This is a very important part of our successful functioning here at Subud Portland.

8. Maintenance Committee Report

Michael has prepared a notebook that will be left at the Center that outlines his landscape proposal. It is broken into segments in the order that they are recommended for implementation. Look for the white notebook on the coffee table. Thanks Michael.

Latham presented a report on the Maintenance Committee (Latham, Marius, Steven, Rayner, Emil, Raphael). He is the liaison between the Committee and this sub-committee. Latham and Marius met last weekend to evaluate needed major repairs.

- Outside front deck and its roof budgeted for \$12,000.00 was to be done by this time. Latham now thinks that the problem with the deck boards is not accelerating as projected, and complete rebuild can probably be delayed.

- Roof in women's latihan hall needs to be done in 2018 at a projected cost of \$26,000.00. The entire roof has to be rebuilt with rafters redone. Roof in men's latihan hall needs work in future but not now. It has a sag and will eventually need reshingling.

- Porch outside men's latihan room has rotting components. Marius will fix this problem this week by placing new posts on existing steps. It will be unsightly for now.

- Kitchen stairs are dangerous and need to have a landing inserted at door level. \$1,000.00 is budgeted for this. Style of work will resemble stairs off of the stage area. 2 hand railings will be used.

- Window grant for \$5,000.00 has to be spent within 15 months from date of grant (Oct. 1, 2015). All windows will be replaced. Marius' original estimate from last year is outdated. It included use of volunteer hours, and did not

include painting and trim work. We may have to take some money from the Capital House account to cover any shortfall in cost.

The goal of the Maintenance Committee is to come up with recommendations and then present them to the group. Its purpose is to give expert advice to group regarding house maintenance and repairs. It involves close coordination with budget and treasure issues. Morris and Latham are preparing a budget for 2016 to bring to the next meeting.

9: New Business

Holly requested \$350.00 to cover the 20 hours of extra work she has put in to work out insurance issues with renters this last year.

Discussion followed.

M - Maria – pay \$350.00 to Holly for 20 extra hours to implement new insurance requirements with renters

2nd – Marius –

R – unanimous to pay Holly

(Camille as Chair can automatically ok \$250.00. If there are objections to the total of \$350.00, please contact Camille.)

(Reminder: For big decisions, we can also do an email survey if people request it.)

A discussion took place regarding our quorum at Subud Portland. Due to regionalization, local bylaws are now superseded by Regional bylaws. They require a 15% attendance of local group membership in a meeting to establish a quorum. It was noted that Subud Portland should form a committee to address this issue. We need to define our membership number and clarify this important point.

Marius reported on the Veracruz Zone 7 Meeting that he has just returned from. It was a very powerful experience for him including new insights regarding a wider perspective in Subud. Latihan and testing were very deep and created a lot of insight. There was testing regarding the state of the latihan in various countries in the Zone. Please talk to Marius to get a feel for the meeting. He stressed the importance of valuing and honoring our Subud youth across national borders. Marius will be preparing a report on his experiences in Veracruz. Gratitude was expressed to Marius for his work as a national helper.

10: Announcements:

- Communications Team meeting on Sunday, March 20, after latihan

- Lusijah Marx will be conducting a workshop at the house on Sunday, April 3 after latihan. It will be to increase our awareness and understanding of the LGBT community in Subud.

- Center Potluck on Saturday, May 7, 6:30

- Small Silent Auction and very brief program on SDUSA at Potluck on May 7

-Leana announced that we need a spring cleaning to deal with situations that she cannot do in 1.5 – 2 hrs a week. She is asking for volunteers who would like to join into a Spring Clean on Sunday, May 8 after latihan. Talk to Leana if you can help. Bring a sack lunch and pitch in. Gratitude and appreciation was expressed for Leana's work at the house.

-The Congress of the Americas is coming up – in Columbia in Aug., 2016

