

Subud Portland General Business Meeting

May 16, 2021; 12:00 pm

Facilitator: Morris McClellan

Note Taker: Marilyn Schirk

Present: Morris and Leana McClellan, Rebecca Banyas, Maria Baker, Nirel Jackson, Reynold Orchard, Latham Stack, Philip Lindstrom, Halima Taylor, Marius Harold, Mira Spies, and Marilyn Schirk

Action Items:

- Increase Regional monthly donation to \$750 for the next 3 months
- Center Helpers meet to craft recommendations for configuration of in-person latihans
- Hire Kamal for weed burning

1. Meeting convened at 12:00 pm. Motion by Halima to approve Center Meeting minutes of March 21, 2021; Unanimous approval.

2. Susila Dharma Report - Marilyn

The Portland/SD USA Match for 2021 is underway. Our goal for seed money this year for the Match is \$5,000. We have raised \$3,319 so far, and donations are greatly needed to meet our goal. Please see information at the bottom on how to donate. * All donors will receive an electronic copy of *Quarantine Cuisine; A Virtual Cookbook* sometime this summer. Deepest thanks to all for helping to keep this noble tradition alive here in Portland.

3. Helper Report - Marius, Reynold, Halima

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the reopening of the Center to in-person latihans. Differences of opinion were expressed by many in attendance regarding regulations for in-person latihan. Some felt that latihans should be divided into vaccinated/non-vaccinated cohorts, and some felt that latihans should not be divided in this way. Marius and Reynold reported that testing done by some of the men led them to believe that the latihans should be mixed vaccinated/non-vaccinated. Many women expressed their reluctance to do latihan in mixed groups. It was agreed that the helpers (men and women) would meet and try to craft a policy for in-person latihans that they would present to the membership.

4. Rental Report - Nirel

There is no new information on rentals. The Swami renewed his contract for the upcoming month and has discussed doubling his rental reservation in the future. The Center is continuing to follow State and CDC recommendations and regulations in regard to covid restrictions. Collette's rental status continues to be on hold due to covid.

5. Donations to Portland Subud Center

Donations to the Center have picked up a bit. Deepest thanks to all who are donating on a regular basis to the Center. If members want to donate to the Center on a recurring monthly basis, it is recommended that they go to their bank and ask the bank to send a payment check every month out of their account to Subud Portland. There is no charge for this service by the bank. They must give the bank the address for the Center, and the bank will issue a check every month. Setting up an online automatic transfer to Subud Portland is not possible at this time.

6. Yard Work at the Subud House

Options were discussed. The general feeling was that depending on a volunteer work party of members is probably not adequate to address the present need to deal with the overgrowth of weeds, especially in the rock-covered parking areas. It was agreed that Kamal should be hired to do the necessary weed burning procedure. It was also agreed that perhaps Elizabeth Maghran and Nirel's son Julien could be hired to team together to provide on-going gardening services such as mowing, weed pulling, etc. Reynold offered to participate in a volunteer work party if one is organized.

7. Regional Financial Situation - Morris

Morris reported that the financial situation of the PNW Region is very depleted at the present time. General discussion followed about what response Subud Portland should make to help the Region. The Region's monthly expenses are approximately \$2,200 a month. The feeling of the group was that we would like to help out, but that we need a more detailed report from the Region regarding its financial needs at the present time. Morris reported that the Regional Committee will be meeting in June and that they intend to prepare a report on their specific current financial needs. Maria made a motion that Subud Portland increase its monthly contribution to its pre-covid level of \$750 a month for a 3-month period and the motion was passed unanimously.

If Subud Portland members would like to make a direct donation to the Region to help with this situation, you can use the link provided below. * *

8. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 and member sharing was postponed due to length of meeting.

* How to Donate to the Portland/SD USA Match for 2021:

You can either donate by check or by credit card:

1. Please make your check out to Susila Dharma USA, and mail it to:
Maria Baker, 7526 SE Ellis Street, Portland, OR 97206

2. To use your credit card, please follow this link to Subud Portland's PayPal account:
https://www.paypal.me/SPNW896?locale.x=en_US

Morris will then transfer the donation from Subud Portland to the SD USA seed Money account.

* * How to Donate directly to PNW Region:
<https://subudpnw.org/donate/>.