

## Subud Portland Center Meeting

May 8, 2016

Present: Latham Stack, Lusijah Marx, Hilda and Marius Harold, Norman and Lucy Mitchell-Babbitt, Raphael and Maria Baker, Camille Hofvendahl, Leana McClellan, Elizabeth Maghran, Marilyn Schirk

1. Check-in done.
2. Minutes of Subud general meeting of April 10, 2016. Motion for approval: Maria; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Marius. Unanimous approval. Thanks Leana for those minutes.

3. Treasurer's report. Treasurer Maria Baker reported:

Checking account: \$8,500.0

Savings account: \$7,500.00

Capital expenses account: \$16,000.00 after paying \$2,400 for 1/2 of windows; balance of \$2,400 due May 24th.

Cost of new windows: \$4,800.00. A balance of \$200 will remain of the \$5,000.00 grant after the cost of the windows. This will be used to cover extra costs of installing,

- Latham presented a report on long-term budgeting for Subud Portland. He reported that for 2015 the Finance Team did a very good job of projecting the budget for the year. Our expenses were very close to our

income. Overall, we did a bit better than we had budgeted. He will forward his detailed report for 2015 to send out to the membership. We have no budget for 2016 yet. Latham is recommending that the Finance Team meet over the coming 1-2 months to formulate an operating budget for the remainder of 2016, as well as a 2016-2020 budget for major projects (renovations, improvements, repairs, etc.) that it will then bring to the Center for approval. This will help guide capital investment decisions that we will be making on house and landscape improvements.

#### 4. Property announcements/discussion:

- Center member Elizabeth Maghran reported that Subud Portland is eligible to apply for a rebate grant from the Energy Trust if our new windows meet their high efficiency standards. Save labels from window packaging, etc., for application proposal. She feels that as a non-profit we may qualify for other small grants from Metro for some of the landscape features that we are now or may be considering in the future (such as drought resistant gardening methods/zeroscaping, rain gardens, water collection in barrels, etc.). Elizabeth will do some research on this for us.
- Marius is going to schedule several workshops/work parties over the summer for volunteers who offered to help install windows (please let Marius know if you would like to add your name to the volunteer list) – includes 7 women's latihan room windows, 13 men's latihan room windows, and all other windows in the house. The goal is to get all

new windows in this summer. The windows in the men's room may have to have trim removed, women's don't. Each work party will do 3 to 4 windows. Marius needs help on May 24 to put new windows in the basement and organize them.

- Camille asked about several projects ahead. She expressed the desire to focus first on the rebuild of the back porch (off men's latihan room) and enclosure of our garbage cans. She asked Marius to give us an estimate on this work. Latham indicated that we will probably be able to cover this expense and Maria reminded us that we already have \$750.00 budgeted for the trash can enclosure. \$12,000.00 had been projected for major renovation expenses in 2016, including front deck and roof over it. Because the front deck is not as urgent as originally projected, the cost of the back porch/trash can enclosure could probably be accommodated by the budget. The question came up about the back stairs off of the kitchen. Camille asked Marius to give us a bid on extending the landing of the stairs. He will do this.

- Elizabeth Maghran has offered to do some work on yard maintenance as formally done by Raphael (to be paid for by the hour), and Raphael will meet with her.

- Latham volunteered to clean out clogged rain gutters this summer.

- A bench that is close to collapsing will be put downstairs.

## 5. Susila Dharma Report

- Marilyn reported that the silent auction was a success. Although not completely tabulated, it will probably earn over \$500.00, putting us over the top on our \$5,000.00 goal for the Subud Portland part of the Portland/Sacramento matching fund for SDUSA for 2016. This should come to a total of \$6,000.00 to be announced at the Subud USA Congress in July. Thank you Subud Portland for your continued support of Susila Dharma. Amazing! Special thanks to Leana, Maria, Camille, and Marilyn for all the work of the fundraiser, and for everyone who donated an item and/or purchased one. Maria has tax deduction forms for all those who donated items to the sale.

- Susila Dharma Congo has been awarded a large grant for approximately \$620,000.00 to build a community health center in Kwilu Ngongo, Congo.

This is such a big step for the people of that area and Susila Dharma. This came about through the grant writing efforts of Hamida Thomas, Executive Director of Susila

Dharma International and several other writers.

- There will be a Global Warming Program presented by Latham Stack at the Subud Center in the fall. It will be a great opportunity to educate ourselves and other community members on this very critical issue. Try to come and bring a friend. We need people to help publicize this event. This will also be a SD fundraiser.

- There will be a Susila Dharma Forum meeting this summer to get input about the role of Susila Dharma here in Portland and to get updates on several projects, including the Congo grant and Project Anisha.
- Please consider joining the Susila Dharma USA Board. Your talents and dedication are greatly needed. Those interested should do personal testing locally in May or June and contact Evan Padilla or Marilyn if you want to continue with testing at the national level.

#### 6. Announcements:

- Communication Team Meeting: On May 15, all members interested in promoting healthy communication at Subud Portland should stay after latihan for a casual meeting to discuss this topic. The meeting will be between 1 – 1.5 hours. This is an informal gathering that relies on the initiative of those interested to move suggestions forward.
- Gay Pride Walk: Lusijah Marx announced that Quest Center will be walking as a group in this event and invited all to participate with Quest Center. It is scheduled for June 19, 2016.
- Film Night: Saturday, May 14, 7:30 pm. Contact Norm for details.

#### 7. New Business:

- Haris Wolfgang had his final surgery last week, and is recovering very well.

- Hermine Berringer is also recovering well after her surgery last week. She would like visitors, but please call first to be sure it is a good time to visit.