

# Subud Portland General Meeting

## September 8, 2019

Present: Michael (Jeff) Cemes, Harris Cemes, Maria and Raphael Baker, Camille Hofvendall, Nirel Jackson, Rebecca Banyas, Margarite Charney, Philip Lindstrom, Haryana Chilstrom, Gabriella Lu, Alexandra Boyer, Vien Koch, Morris and Leana McClellan, Lusijah Marx, Halima Taylor, Rochmanna Miller, and Marilyn Schirk

### Action Items:

- Continue working on the MSF grant application - Michael/Maria/Nirel/Morris
- Contact Kamal regarding gardening work - Raphael
- Ask Hadijah Obar for Menucha announcement - Nirel
- Prep a plan for use of green products at the house - Maria/Leana
- Coordinate Quest Oct. event at the House - Lusijah
- Look for items for the SD USA Silent Auction at Menucha - all members

### 1. Approval of Minutes

Morris moved for approval of minutes of the general business meeting of July 21, 2019, and Alexandra seconded. Minutes unanimously approved.

### 2. Menucha

The upcoming event is scheduled for Nov. 7-10, 2019. Alexandra terHorst is the registrar. Hadijah Obar is doing organizing for the weekend. Nirel will ask Hadijah to send out an email confirming the event this year.

### 3. Financial Report

Morris reported that our financial situation is good.

Balances include our regular checking account of \$8,720.60, our capital improvement fund of \$19,555.89, our savings account of \$7,495.08, and our new pay pal account of \$488.02.

#### 4. Susila Dharma Report

Marilyn reported that we will be having a silent auction at Menucha again this year. Please save items that you might want to donate. More information coming soon. We had a meeting of the Jennifer Skyler Support Group with 15 people attending on Aug. 18. Jennifer attended, and reported that she is possibly going back to work for a non-profit agency and may be refocusing her continuing work for the homeless in Portland. It was suggested that Jennifer and Subud Portland members who support her work may want to do testing to clarify their future directions in supporting her work.

Lusijah reported that Quest Center for Integrative Health is celebrating its 30 years of service to the Portland community. It is one of our domestic SD USA funded projects. All are invited to attend events on Sept. 11 at Quest Center and a potluck dinner at the Subud house to be scheduled in October honoring its 30 years of work serving, among other groups, the LGBTQ in Portland . The Sept. 11 event will focus on the opening of one of the first residential facilities in Portland dedicated to serving recovering LGBTQ clients.

#### 5. Rental Report

Nirel reported that several rental contracts are being finalized, including several meditation groups and body treatment classes, etc. Nirel is starting to organize events at the house with a projected seating limit of 80 people: Sept. 22, two performances by Hamilton Cheifetz for \$25.00 a ticket; Open mike Friday nights; a performance by a group of harpists, for \$35.00 a ticket; Art displays being organized by Nirel and Rebecca, a theatre troupe, etc. Proceeds will be part of our rental income, with a share going to the performers. The event calendar will

be on the Regents Center website under events. The events are being offered to the general public as well as Subud members.

## 6. House Maintenance

Michael brought 4 issues to the group:

a. The need to be sure that our garbage bins are put out for pickup - Nirel, Elizabeth, Samuel, and Leana have offered to monitor. They should not be put in the street, but placed on the curb at the south end of the property. All members should be aware of the need to be sure that trash bins are out for Tuesday pickup.

b. Roof Repair - Michael reported on two areas - financial support, and the work itself. We have a loan (and now a grant) that is guaranteed by the PNW Region. We are also applying for a grant from MSF.

As far as the work is concerned, we anticipate Phase 1 architectural/engineering drawings being done by a commercial architect in the first quarter of 2020 and bids submitted based on these drawings, followed by Phase 2, the actual construction, in the second quarter of the year. The construction will include a rebuild of the roof of the east latihan room, and resurfacing of both latihan room roofs. Emile is the project leader and will spearhead the construction, with Marius offering consultative help. Marius stressed the need for good communication and close quality management among all parties involved. Our rental and latihan schedule will be impacted by the construction work. It is anticipated that there will be a 3-4 week period when various parts of the house will be unavailable for both rentals and latihan.

c. Research on usage of green products at the house - Maria will work with Leana to bring a recommendation for implementation of a green products policy at the house.

d. Lawn and garden maintenance - Michael stated that the landscape and garden areas around the outside of the house need

maintenance work. Raphael will get in touch with Kamal to request his services.

7. Announcements:

- See above in SD report for information on Quest events.
- There will be a kedjiwan day scheduled in October followed by a sharing circle.

- **Upcoming Meetings:**

- Sharing Circle - Oct 13
- General Mtg - Nov 17 (delayed 1 week due to Menucha)
- Note 1 - All meetings' Time: 11:00 - 12:00 (with 30 minute buffer at the end before any potential renters)
- Note 2 - All meetings in 2019 are posted on the Subud PDX calendar