

SUBUD Portland General Business Meeting
December 2023
Facilitator: Marius Harold
Note taker: Molly Osborne
Next meeting Feb 2024

Attendees: Morris & Leana McClellan - Bookkeeper/ Financials (Morris) & SD rep (Leana), Marius (Chair) & Hilda Harold, Marilyn Schirk (Vice-Chair & SD rep), Fayra Teeters (SICA rep), Halima Taylor (Helper), Haris & Liza Wolfgang (Helper), Lusijah Marx, Mary Kimsey, Rosetta Koach, Philip Lindstrom (SUSA Chair), Alexandra Boyer (Committee Councilor / National Liaison to World Congress), Samuel Czuba (Helper), Rayner Ward (Helper), Camille Hofvendahl (Helper), Rochmanna Miller (Helper). NOTE Latham says hello in Kansas City moving east. Nirel also couldn't come, her mother just returned home

1. MINUTES – approved as amended
2. Reports
 - a. **Susila Dharma** Marilyn Schirk – we received over \$1900 for the match! Thanks to all! Subud - Seattle Marcie Gregory \$1200 donated in matching funds from Seattle (from their general funds). Benedict Herman donated greeting cards \$20 a box. Zupan's donated pastries for Menucha! (You might thank them when you go to Zupans.) Marco is moving (renting a truck) 2/12/24 and we welcome help for loading the truck, perhaps a few things will be in the basement until he finds a place.
 - b. **Bookkeeping/ Financial report** (Morris McClellan) \$5628 in regular checking \$12,073 in capital (\$10,000 for roof) \$727 in paypal and debit for supplies and \$3500 in savings. Profit/loss comparison both 2022 – Oct and 2023-Oct. In 2022 almost \$100 profit, 2023 down \$4450 – due to combined rentals and donations which were higher in 2022 and now down \$200 per month. Documents will be sent to Marius and post on the list serve
 - o Performing at 8pm on Sun at Rose City Book Pub at Fremont near 15th. Books and beer at the site.
 - o Email from SUBUD member in Chico, CA - Olaf Smith. He teaches at Chico state and a student is presenting on creativity **in March. Although not a SUBUD member, Olaf is hoping someone might take in the student approximately Mar 20-24, 2024.**
 - c. **SICA** Fayra Teeters – SICA is still 3 people strong on the board, and need more members - Mirah Speis is joining the committee? (YES) Includes monthly Zoom meetings. Previous Seattle chair might join.
 - o I'm publicizing poems songs prayers for peace. I invite you all to have a look – posted on the SICA USA website. Lianna and Morris contributed and Haris Wolfgang submitted a beautiful piece. Please submit your own pieces.
 - o The gallery will be a permanent fixture of SUBUD art and photos nationwide. It is on the website where it says 'auction' to **be replaced by 'gallery' for amazing artists.**
 - d. **FESTIVAL OF LIGHT** Dec 15th Friday starting at 6pm all the candles will be lit - blending 5 religious, spiritual observations that happen in the winter – Yuletide (pagan, Druidic, northern European, back to the Romans), Kwanzaa, Muslim order, Christian, Jewish. 20 attendees and menu is covered. Please RSVP
 - e. **New years eve** - SUBUD house reserved at 7:30pm with desserts and drinks and games. We will gather here for a few hours.

Building and Sidewalk repairs – Marius Harold

3. **Deck** - to be addressed in early 2024, 12 ft in front of the door, or perhaps more space. Material costs \$1000 -\$2000. Will get volunteers (Raynor and others). May require some movement of Men's Latihan room. Will see if the group will spend money for the project. Marius will determine what to charge.
 - \$200 from Latham already available for Chairpersons discretion.
4. **Roof repair** – Marius is searching for an engineer and needs advice, a drawing, etc.
5. **Sidewalk** - to be addressed in the spring. Currently a \$3800 bid.

Personal discussion - wondering whether or not our local SUBUD community is a closed group led to a lot of discussion.