

SUBUD Portland General Business Meeting
Feb 11, 2024
Facilitator: Marius Harold
Note taker: Molly Osborne
Next meeting Mar 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), Nirel Jackson (PNW Subud Secretary & House Manager), Samuel Czuba (Helper), Rayner Ward (Helper), Camille Hofvendahl (Helper), Rochmanna Miller (Helper).

Brief introduction by Marius addressing concerns about the state of the world with intense discussion. Announcement that Marius Harold will likely move to Montana in the next likely 8 months or so.

1. Approval of min at the next meeting.
2. **Susila Dharma (Marilyn Schirk)**. There is a wonderful opportunity for another silent auction, to raise seed money for the 2024 Portland / SD USA matching. The Subud USA is here in June and we will do a silent auction at that time.
 - a. Dr. Mark Braverman and Unity Church addressing both sides of the Israeli-Palistine conflict - The future landscape and current horizons.
3. **SICA (Fayra Teeters)** Jim Ohollaren did join as a new SICA member and we still need board members. Our permanent artist gallery is up & running on the website SICAUSA.org and choose 'gallery.'
 - Mar 22 6pm – another blended religious ceremony at the Portland Subud House - featuring elements from Vernal/Spring Equinox (Pagan) led by Kate Mura, Passover Seder led by Fayra, Good Friday/Easter led by Morris McClellan, and Ramadan led by Marilyn Schirk. The 13th night of Ramadan with that specific prayer in the ceremony (there is a prayer for each night).
 - National congress: Halima will run a gift shop and there will be space there for the different wings. Subud USA and SICA fund-raiser.
 - o The gifts shop gifts are a result of Subud creative endeavors! It will be near the silent auction space.
4. **Subud National Congress: Philip Lindstrom** - Airport Sheraton June PNW will have regional congress on Sunday. National and Regional helpers hope to have elections at that time. Morris will organize the entertainment. Halima Taylor will help out. Registration is through the email or on the website
5. **World Congress** – Alexandra Boyer (incoming Sonia Shoesham) is trying to coordinate getting information back to the US during the congress in Kalimantan. She will communicate schedules for concurrent latihans, Zoom meetings, website to see recordings, etc.
 - a. Possible questions to test: 'how would god have me respond – I want to be guided'
6. **April 14th Kejiwan day** 11-5pm a potluck at the Subud house. Regional helpers will be in attendance.

Business Report Marius Harold

7. Financials – Losing \$505.19 / monthly, currently coming out of other funds, e.g. capital fund. (Moris – these numbers come from 2023 costs.)
 - Current \$4650 (before COVID \$7500),
 - a. capital account (repairs, etc.); \$12,000 - \$10,000 a regional grant for the roof repairs (not the deck);
 - b. paypal and debit account for supplies \$1500.
 - c. Savings \$3500 (before COVID \$7500)
 - i. One issue is that donors have moved away
 - ii. 20 sources of income, many are monthly or quarterly, i.e. small percentage of members pay most of it.
8. **Need to increase income, perhaps via rentals at the Subud house – contact Marius with ideas regarding marketing the rentals**
9. **Rentals Nirel Jackson** – I'm encouraged, massage school in the works, after school care, AA groups
Regional request - wants us to increase beyond \$750 another 25% about \$180 per month (Latham just asked for \$100 / month).

MOTIONS

- Motion – (Marius Harold) I move to increase our donation \$100/month (5 in favor/ 10 opposed / 3 abstentions)
the motion did not carry
- Motion – (Morris McClellan) I move when we have two months breaking even (in the black), the donation is increased to \$100/month.
The motion carried unanimously

DISCUSSION

- a. we might consider a 'ramp up' to reach \$100 per month by August 2024 – agreed by the attendees.
 - b. A suggestion that we do not increase the donation until our rentals increase, or at least are breaking even financially, although we are getting more calls, etc. Consider switching wireless to Century Link (currently \$150/m)
 - c. I don't want to discourage people from donating
 - d. Fund raising campaign - e.g. send a letter – asking for pledges from membership to increase donations monthly perhaps both for the region and directly to our own savings account, capital fund, etc.
 - e. Identify committee with Marius as Chairperson to coordinate a strategy.
 - f. PNW website – there is a 'donate button' currently raising money for Dewan, etc.
 - g. Region is also currently raising money
 - h. Fund raising ideas – massage class could raise significant funds
 - i. Donate locally first, then honor the regional
10. Rug cleaning a one – time fee ~\$100 – likely best done after the deck is rebuilt (which will require 2 non-rental days).

11. (Samuel Czuba) Toilet and sink may need attention, rust is in the valves, and likely the service line (street to the house) or the interior pipes may need attention.

ADJOURNED