

Minutes of Still Mountain Community Meeting, December 10, 2017

- I. Jake was introduced as a new community meeting facilitator.
  
- I. Treasurer's Report: Hugh reported beginning and of year cash on hand, which has increased substantially. Some amount is untouchable, required by the bank for our status as a non-profit account. The scholarship fund is now funded, to be used to support retreat attendees who could not otherwise afford to attend. Liability insurance is necessary each year and is necessary to protect board members as well as any accidents befalling attendees at Still Mountain events. Incomes is primarily from two sources, classes and dana. Hugh informed us that the Paypal donate button on the Still Mountain website is linked to Paypal Giving, means we do not have to pay Paypal a fee for each donation.
  
- I. A suggestion was made to establish a fund for microloans to Sangha members who might be in need of emergency financial help. There was some discussion about this and a proposal that the outgoing and incoming treasurers get together and bring a proposal to the group.
  
- I. Board Report: Sandy is going off as president but will remain on the board as a member-at-large. Ken will be the new treasurer. Other positions will be decided upon by the new board. There will be a meeting today of the new and old boards. There was not a formal election for the board as had been planned for today, since there was only one nominee for each board position. No one objected to this.
  
- I. There was extensive discussion of how to put on retreats given that no one has volunteered to be on a retreat committee. Only two retreats are currently planned for the next year: a one-day retreat, to be held at Rudolf Steiner House, led by Karen Mori and David Lawson; and a week-long retreat taught by Shaila Catherine next October. The latter will be held at the Weber Center, where the facilities include rooms with private bathrooms and climate control per room. A potential retreat that was planned for New Years has been cancelled by the facility due to insufficient staff resources over the holidays.

Drawing on the ideas offered for getting help with the work of putting on a retreat, a motion was made to establish a committee to take on the "big picture" work: finding an appropriate facility, creating and maintaining a list of tasks needing to be done, and then putting out a call for volunteers to perform specific tasks in a specific time frame. This felt manageable to the group, and the motion was passed. The Teachers Council will continue to be the body that decides on the content/teacher/calendar for retreat. Sandy, Elizabeth, Jake, and Hugh volunteered to constitute the committee, with the first order of business to be a meeting to start planning for the one-day retreat in March.

I. Announcement:

- II. Linda's White Elephant Christmas party potluck is on Saturday, December 16, at her house. Flyers are available and she will put the announcement out again on StillSocial.

There is a possibility of a New Years Eve day (a Sunday, so after meditation) potluck at Bilha and Yair's home. To be finalized, stay tuned.

There will be a new posting soon on the website for upcoming classes, and teachers will be sending out more detailed descriptions.

Hugh and Karen are offering a Rec & Ed Intro class Monday nights

Bilha and Kay are offering an Intro level class at Turner, Thursday afternoons 2-4 pm, with six sessions starting February 6.