

Recovery Dharma PDX InterSangha Working Group Meeting

March 13th 2021 11:00am-12:00pm

Purpose: Monthly leadership meeting

Format: Agenda with topics presented by Chairs for discussion and/or voting

Present: Semi (InterSangha Chair), Dawn (Secretary), Jess (Program's Chair), Michael (Wise Friend's Chair), Jeremy (Unity Chair), Gordon (Treasurer), Scott (Co-Treasurer) and Jon (Communication's Chair)

Absent: Brian (Co-Chair) and Zanny (Co-Secretary)

Meetings: Second Saturday of each month from 11:00am to 12:00pm to include quarterly InterSangha meetings

Queer Paths Update/Discussion (Semi)

- Leadership person identified to be secretary and a co-secretary is needed for the regular meetings to continue.
- Discussion about having a person outside of the PDX InterSangha, especially given the Zoom format and regular participants from other locations (global vs local). Agreed to make this an agenda item for the quarterly meeting.

Programs Update/Discussion (Jess)

- Wise Friendship April 24th event currently has 20 registrants.
- Dave Smith confirmed date of May 2nd (10 am – 2pm). Speaker fee of \$500 was agreed upon (up to the amount of the donations received). Waiting for description of event to be put up on website. Discussion about how best to set up the online registrations to track donations for the event. Jon is working on improving the process.
- Jill Goldstein event – sent out follow-up email to all registrants with the replay. Flat fee paid.
- George event is pending for the fall.

Treasure's Update (Gordon)

- Business checking account has \$2,135.15 (additional disbursement of \$450 pending for Jill) and \$733.25 in the PayPal account.
- Not able to specifically identify specific donations for the event, because of the process. The donations received in the time frame for the event was \$603. At a minimum around \$500 for Jill event.

Wise Friendship Update/Discussion (Michael)

- Timing for the second event is June or August focused on Wise Intention.
- Wise Understanding event is being developed by the committee that will have these components: panel, writing, small groups and large group sharing.

Unity Update/Discussion (Jeremy)

- Approved \$100 and spent \$86 at Costco. Hannah spent \$46.53. Jeremy proposed paying Hannah, which would bring to the total cost to \$133.26. Everyone approved.
- About 15 people at Willamette Park event and deemed successful. Hannah offered some good ice breaker options. Good age range. Posting Unity events to PDX website in addition to flyers and social media for future events.
- Banner or reader board would be helpful for future events to direct people to the location.
- Suggestions welcomed for next event.

Communication's Update/Discussion (Jon)

- Setting up process for Dave Smith link, so that we can track donations.

New Business

- Michael and Gordon have extra Recovery Dharma and Refuge Recovery books to be re-purposed. Jeremy can accept additional books at the Alano Club. Dawn to reach out to Kaiser treatment program to determine if they are interested Recovery Dharma books.
- Scott proposed another Zoom account for Inquiry Circles, as the current one overlaps with a regular meeting on Monday nights. Facebook messenger is another option, but not everyone uses this. Per Jon, another Zoom account would cost about \$149/month. Motion made by Scott for an additional Zoom license and seconded by Semi. Discussion around the need for two Zoom accounts until we are able to transition back to in person and Zoom meeting, as Zoom meetings are popular and will likely to continue.
- Discussion about Inquiry Circles and it is up to these groups to decide on the format. Are these groups open or closed? Semi proposed having Inquiry Groups listed on the website, even if closed, as we want to encourage new Inquiry Groups. Can add some resources about how to create a new group.
- Michael is working with a person in Iowa to create a process addiction inquiry group.