

Recovery Dharma PDX InterSangha Working Group Meeting

July 10 2021 11:00am-12:00pm

Purpose: Monthly leadership meeting

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

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

Absent: Zanny (Co-Secretary), Bryan (Co-Chair), and Scott (Co-Treasurer)

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

Old Business (Semi)

- Struggled with Summit contest; will review and revisit support of participants for the next Summit.
- Moved quarterly InterSangha meeting from the 3rd Saturday to the 4th for July to allow participation at the annual Summit and reporting by Jeremy and Robin, as the PDX representatives.
- Buddhist Global Relief event pending discussion with Jess. Michael suggested promoting what is presented on the RD Global website vs coming up with a Portland event for fundraising.
- Per Jeremy, still working through reimbursements for Summit. Jeremy and Robin can get reimbursed up to \$900 each.

Programs Update/Discussion (Jess)

- No programs scheduled.
- Michael suggested options for local teachers to present a workshop. This is an opportunity to connect people beyond RD in the Portland area.
- Programs Committee meeting to be scheduled soon to discuss ideas
- Potentially a George Haas event in the Fall (waiting on confirmation from him)

Wise Friendship Update/Discussion (Michael)

- Committee met and moving forward with the August workshop on Wise Intention.
- Pending is a date for the 1-hr mentorship workshop, which will likely be in the fall. Waiting for Jess to determine a date not in conflict with an upcoming Program's event.
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Unity Update/Discussion (Jeremy)

- Pending hiking club, karaoke or park option. No events scheduled for now.

Communications Update/Discussion (Jon)

- Jon had nothing to report.
- Michael wants to have “business” removed from our quarterly meeting announcement. Semi proposed Quarterly InterSangha meeting.

Treasurer Update/Discussion (Gordon)

- Total of \$2,610 - Business checking account has \$1,075 and the PayPal account has \$1,535.
- Spent \$1,050 on Summit thus far.
- Available for Global (20% of our account balance up to reserves of \$1,100). These are notes from prior meetings:
 - *Agreed to donate 20% of account balance (beyond prudent reserves) to RD national at the end of each quarterly InterSangha meeting.*
 - *Reserves of \$1,000 is prudent, which was further increased to \$1560 for meeting materials*
 - ***NOTE/ADDENDUM POST-MEETING: Prudent reserves=\$360/yr. Zoom; \$1200/yr. books/materials Brookside and general; ?website costs***
- Labels are available to put in Brookside books. Gordon is going to get these to Brookside.

New Business/Discussion (Semi and group)

- Gordon proposed supporting InterSangha virtual option of \$40 per person for Global Summit and Jeremy seconded. Discussion about making this available for leadership team only given the timing. Unanimous vote.
- Gordon agreed to come up with a financial spreadsheet including incoming/outgoing funds and reserve.
- Semi suggested having a RD Booth at the upcoming Hands Across the Bridge (I-5) event September 6th (8 am – noon). Could use 3 people plus flyers and a few books. Semi thinks the booth cost is \$15 and will provide the exact amount at a later meeting.
- Jeremy agreed to look into the cost of a RD banner, so that we can secure one for future events. Size around 3’ x 3’ with grommets and our logo.
- Semi proposed sending 1 person to RD Summit annually pending funds availability. Discussion around process. Unanimous vote. Mostly agreed to hand the process off to the next leadership team and funding available in our accounts. Maybe open to leadership team and meeting secretaries, which might provide an incentive for new RD leadership team. Jeremy is interested in advocating for having the next RD Summit in Portland. Process is TBD for selection and amount of funding available.
- Michael indicated that the Kaiser Saturday 9 am meeting is planning to take place next weekend, as the timing is around lunch hour and participants wanting to keep the meeting as scheduled.

- Only Michal and two potential mentors at last Mentorship Meeting. More promotion might encourage greater participation. Announcement in the newsletter and listed as a meeting on our website, per Jon.