

Recovery Dharma PDX InterSangha Working Group Meeting

Jan 8 2022 11:00am-12:00pm

- Purpose:** Monthly leadership meeting
- Format:** Agenda with topics presented by Chairs for discussion and/or voting
- Present:** Semi (Chair), Brian (Co-Chair), Dawn (Secretary), Zanny (Co-Secretary), Michael (Wise Friend's Chair), Scott (Co-Treasurer), Jon (Communication's Chair), Steve (Wise Friends), and Dick (Hood River)
- Absent:** Gordon (Treasurer), Jeremy (Unity Chair), and Jess (Program Chair)
- Meetings:** Second Saturday of each month from 11:00am to 12:00pm with the exceptions of August and December
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Roll Call of Participants - see above

InterSangha Check-in

- **Treasurer Report (Scott)**
 - Paypal \$1,702.65 and OnPoint \$342.83 for a total of \$2,045.48
 - Prudent reserve is \$1,100, therefore 20% of the balance is to be distributed to RD Global ($\$2,045 - \$1,100 = \$945 \times 20\% = \189)
 - PayPal account for recurring reserves is an option on the PDX website and this should help with ongoing donations
- **Communications (Jon)**
 - Web hosting increased slightly and is now \$6.99/mth
 - New RD Global website is pending and still not live
 - Bryan is now responsible for making sure all the RD PDX meetings are listed accurately on the Global site; new procedures have been a little confusing; please update Bryan with any meeting changes; and all current meetings and inquiry circles are listed
- **Wise Friends (Steve/Michael)**
 - **Steve**
 - Great meeting last month and workshop options were agreed upon to include:
 - Fundamentals of RD (tentatively scheduled for March)
 - Nuts/bolts of inquiry circles (IC)
 - Developing inquiry questions
 - Supporting wise friends and mentorship
 - Next meeting is scheduled for January 22nd at 11 am
 - **Michael**
 - New eating disorder meeting started on Sunday, as there was an ongoing request for another group when the Friday IC group closed; good participation

- Ongoing need for focused ICs exists
- Thursday mentorship meeting is now a regular meeting and would benefit from more facilitators
- Sangha Summit taking place later today, specifically focused on topic items for the upcoming annual meeting; Michael will report outcomes at our quarterly meeting next week
- **Programs**
 - No representation or reports
 - Michael asked about future events and Semi is looking into the status
- **Unity**
 - Semi passed on that Jeremy is stepping down from his leadership position
 - Hannah might step into the leadership role for 2022; Bryan will reach out to Hannah, Stewart and Jeremy to determine a transition plan

Old Business

- **Banners** - nothing to update, banners are available (3' x6'); Bryan will retrieve them from Semi; and remind folks from InterSangha that they're available for use.
- **2024 RD Global Summit**
 - Dawn interested in starting a committee and willing to work through hosting criteria and propose making a bid if this was approved at a future RD PDX meeting.
 - Bryan will add the 2024 Global Summit bid to the next quarterly meeting agenda, as a motion (Bryan) and seconded (Dawn/Michael) was approved unanimously.
- **RD Global Website and Meeting Registration**
<https://recovery-dharma.flywheelsites.com/meetings/>
- **Books for RD PDX Hosted Meetings**
 - Good discussion about the importance of supporting some meetings with books, like Kaiser Sunnyside, Bybee Lakes and Northern Oregon Regional Corrections Facility; funds available it was agreed that this should remain a priority for our sangha.
 - Dawn working with Brookside to determine if Kaiser can support the purchase of some books; absent of this the PDX sangha continues to provide books.
 - Dick asked about the status of books for the Corrections Facility; Dawn will follow-up and update Dick, Scott and Bryan.
 - Scott is encouraged that the monthly PayPal donations should help cover the cost of books.

New Business

- **Bybee Lakes** – Might remain interested in a dedicated group, consistent with Kaiser Sunnyside; Semi was provided contact information and had shown an interest once her chair position ended; ongoing discussion needed; and Dawn suggested at least 2

facilitators, as this groups are closed and you cannot ask for facilitation and/or meditation from the participants.

- **New Positions**

- Vote for new positions at the next quarterly meeting: Co-Chair, Co-Secretary; Co-Treasurer; and Co-Communications.
- Committee chairs are also needed for Programs and Unity.
- Discussion about the beginning and end dates for leadership positions, i.e., when do we vote and what is the calendar year for these positions.
- Michael encouraged us to recruit for open positions and identify people appropriate for the required tasks and a willingness to stay committed to RD and the leadership team.

- **Support Group for Family/Friends**

- Interest from some RD meeting participants in a group similar to Al-Anon in AA.
- More discussion needed; might be better suited for an IC vs a regular RD meeting.
- This brought up some further thoughts about how do we go about distinguishing between RD and IC groups and establishing the right venue for various types of groups.