

2/12/22 - Intersangha Working Group Meeting

Role Call:

Bryan (Chair), Dawn (Co-Treasurer), Michael (Wise-Friends committee, eating disorder meetings), Laura Rachel (Inquiry Circles), Stuart (Co-Secretary), Steve (Chair Wise Friends committee), Jon (Communications), Heather (co-communications), Asa
Absent: Zanny (Secretary), Brian (Co-chair), Robin, Priscila

Intersangha Check In - Chair/committee reports including Treasury update:

Bryan check-in: There has been interest in the open committee positions: Brian and Bryan have been working on transitioning co-chair hand off. Bryan will reach out to Heather and Jon for communications hand-off. Lots of interest in the eating disorder meetings. Priscila kicking off a new W/T/NB inquiry meeting, and another new meeting.

- Question from Dawn - how do folks get in touch about the book club? (Will be on the website). How do folks get in touch about the Brookside meeting for assistance in facilitation? Best way would be intersangha is the conduit for folks who are interested.

Resolution is to post about the open facilitator positions on Instagram, as well as correction of the W/T/NB Book group on IG.

Treasury Report:

- Total of \$2,442.56 in Account (Checking/Paypal)
- Contribution to Global is \$189.33
- After contribution, the total in accounts will be \$2253.23.
- Books have been distributed to NorCor, confirmed that they have been received.
- Continuing to transition from Gordon to Scott and Dawn. Will work with Gordon on using the graphs and spreadsheets that he's used in the past.
- Bryan received an email from Eric who had run the Tanasbourne meeting prior to pandemic and he'd like to give the rest of that meetings Dana to the intersangha.
- Bryan will loop Dawn and Eric in for the physical handoff of the funds. Dawn will follow up with Darlene about materials.

Communications Report:

- Jon and Heather working on getting access for Heather for the social media accounts, and another newsletter to be sent out with an update from the previous newsletter. Will put a call out for facilitators for the Brookside meeting.
- Priscila will forward information to Jon and will share the meeting URL for the new book club meeting on Tuesdays at 7pm. To update on the website.
- Intersangha will support the new book meeting by offering books if people need them, however because it's online, can the intersangha send books from amazon to an individual? Dawn is willing to help out with getting books to folks.

- Heather - communications has not been able to gain access to the Facebook account, and needs to somehow get transferred over to the communications. Adrian deleted all accounts, and it may be difficult to retrieve the business page. Problem is the business page needs to be tied to a personal account. If it was deactivated, he may be able to reactivate and send it over, but not if it was indeed deleted.

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Wise Friends Report (Steve):

- Finishing touches on the workshop on Foundations of RD, and March 26th is the date of the workshop. On the events page of the website there is an old event listed, so the new event will need to be added to the events page. Steve will change title and make the blurb accurate to the title and will forward to Jon.

Programs Update:

- Jess is stepping down from Programs chair position. The seat is vacant and will need to be filled.
- Michael is not able to help, but two ideas are - 1. wanting to lead a workshop on eating disorders, possibly looking at April, suggesting April 30th for the workshop (Michael to put together).
- 2nd Idea - calling on local teachers. One person is Jan Chozen Bays (Zen Community of Oregon) who wrote a book on mindful eating. Various teachers at other centers who may be good resources for this growth practice of connecting with other Dharma communities. Bryan and Michael to share duties until someone steps forward.
- Would need to figure out donation scales, free-will donation, teacher fees. Depending on the speakers, there was a decision made in the past year about sliding scale donations.
- Would need an eventbrite account for checking registrations. Would it be possible to get the paypal connected to registration for these events. Easier to run through eventbrite, Jon will push to Bryan/Dawn to figure out the amount eventbrite would take from registrations.
- Overview of Programs chair responsibilities.

Unity Committee (Robin):

- Robin is willing to step up to Unity Committee chair.
- Stuart tried to host a hike through Forest Park - minimal participation.
- Question about whether indoor events would be allowed?
- Asa offered to assist with Robin in the Unity Committee. Include things that are not just around the RD community, like a silent disco:)

Summit discussion:

- Bryan reached out to Global about the application process, but not a lot of concrete answers as of yet. Bryan will reach out again and include Dawn in email.
- Dawn question about summit, how to go about sending folks to the Utah 2022 summit? Set next month to talk about who to send, perhaps someone from the summit application committee to investigate and research how the summit is done. Need to discuss the budget and make sure the intersangha doesn't break the bank.
- Next month funds allocated to sending folks to the Summit will be decided in advance so that there is no confusion and full transparency.

Website discussion:

- Michael is unable to handle the 5:30 inquiry circle facilitation every week. Michael is going to try to get a few people to help with that facilitation. For now keep the Thursday 5:30pm Wise Friends Inquiry Circle on website and see if there are some folks that can start to volunteer more to lead that meeting.
- One thought out of Eating Addiction/Disorder meetings has been to change the name of the meeting, to be less clinical. Folks would like to change the title to - "Exploring Recovery from Disordered Eating"
- Question about whether the website should include the zoom links for the closed inquiry circles. Bryan would prefer is that those meetings do not include links so that it doesn't add to folks frustration if they can't get in.
- Steve suggests having some more open inquiry circles. Jon's suggestion is to make sure those meetings have "Inquiry" in the names. Questions as to whether there needs to be a separation of inquiry circles from standard meetings.
- To do: Jon to take Closed meetings off, but leave open inquiry circles and the Thursday 5:30pm Mentorship and Inquiry Circle to be moved off of the standard meeting schedule list.
- Laura Rachel: Speaking to open inquiry circles. Big sangha - There is an inquiry sorting form that has not been sorted out. Laura Rachel found that there was a lot of growing pains from the surge of folks coming because of the pandemic. But having a large open inquiry circle has been very successful, really helps people open up to the value of inquiry and start the process.
- Bring up at the next Working Group meeting to talk about the open inquiry circle at RD PDX.