

RD PDX Intersangha Working Group Meeting - March 2022

Agenda:

Roll Call - Bryan S (Chair), Michael (Wise Friends Committee, Disorder Eating), Scott (Treasurer), Zanny (Secretary), LauraRachel, Heather (Co-Comm), Brian A (Co-Chair), Dawn (Co-Treasurer), Robin (Unity), Steve (Wise Friends Chair)

1. Chair/committee updates:
 - a. Secretary - all good
 - b. Communications - site updated. Still no Facebook access. Bryan to chat about probably restarting FB page. Jon wants to set up a generic Wise Friends PayPal button. Lots of website and social media presence.
 - c. Treasury - \$2512.04 (\$1,312 over prudent reserve)- mostly in PayPal, Scott in process setting up a Quicken account for money data. Amazon has limited the amount of books that you can buy, but RD Global is working on correcting the issue. Dawn and Scott are working on Dawn getting set up on Quicken so there can be more transparency on money coming in and out.
 - i. Tanasbourne Group- \$100.05 from the group. Darlene and the other person facilitating were going to decide how to use those funds. The group was also donating to a food pantry, so they will be deciding if the money will go to support that again. A group conscience representation from the Tanasbourne group will decide.
 - d. Unity - wanting to have monthly hikes, and will probably start in April, as weather improves
 - e. Wise Friends - Pretty set for workshop on March 26th 11am-2pm. All roles were assigned and posted on the website. Bryan to send zoom info to the Wise Friends. Bryan is creating a poll for the event.
 - f. Programs Committee - scaled back a little. Michael would like to host a workshop on disordered eating. Perhaps looking out for some local teachers to see if they'd like to host a workshop. Zanny to research a trans buddhist teacher to possibly host a workshop.
2. Wise Friends Thursday Group
 - a. Q/A session - there is no meditation. *Does this need to be noted on the website?*
 - b. Great attendance after one person promoted the meeting, however, still needs facilitators.
3. Website Update - switched over to Wordpress, and has been updated and tested out. Seems to be a little slower, Heather is going through to proof-read. Global website has gone live - they were going for a different user experience than the google sheets, but it's still there.
4. Summit 2023 Update - Joel with RD Global restarting conversation. Bryan and Dawn have made a copy of the application and there will be a meeting with Joel to discuss any questions on a zoom call. A member asked if this is the right time to be hosting in Portland, due to the economic downturn that the city has seen. Some back and forth among working group members, such as where to put money into the economy,

finding the right neighborhood to host, that's safe and supportive to the dharma community, but also close-in enough so that visitors can experience the city. Questions for RD Global - How many people would be expected to attend the Summit? Does RD global contribute to the event, and what's our liability?

5. Summit 2022 Representation -
 - a. Table until next month, because there has not been a lot of information about the upcoming SLC summit.
6. RD Global - Town Hall - Safety Committee Participation - 1st Saturday April/May - Will be brought up next month at the Quarterly intersangha to see if there should be participation from other PDX intersangha meetings. Perhaps one member from each sangha could step up to offer guidance when issues arise, and also sanghas can reach out to the wise friends committee. W/T/NB sangha has a safety committee that has started and supports meetings.
7. Newsletter contributions -
 - a. Summit Committee
 - b. Wise Friends Workshop
 - c. Wednesday Brookside needs staffing - repost with reference to reaching out to intersangha email to get involved.
8. Open Items/New Business -
 - a. Safety Committee on the Intersangha Level to be talked about at the quarterly meeting