

10/8/22 - Intersangha Working Group Meeting

Role Call: Bryan (Chair), Heather (Co-communications), Scott (Treasury), Robin (Unity), Michael, Dawn (Co-Treasurer/Summit Representative)

Intersangha Check In -

Chair (Bryan):

- Heather and Bryan meeting again to help with transition and confirming Heather as a co-chair/next chair of intersangha 2023 year. Mostly admin work. Still going to have an election for co-chair in January.
- All intersangha officers should continue to encourage folks to volunteer for officer positions.
- Bryan offers to support Heather with the website and consult with Heather on chair stuff.

Treasury Report (Scott):

- Current Total: \$2250.21, Checking - \$868.45, Paypal - \$1,381.72.
- Year to date: Expenses: Online Support - \$369.69, Books \$327.25, Global Donations \$440.90, Summit \$1,382.60.
- Total Expenses \$2,490.46, Total Dana \$3,280.79. Prudent reserve: \$1,200

Communications Report (Heather):

- Bryan will step into an interim communications role, but we need to continue to look for a co-communications officer, and if qualified someone to move into a chair role.
- Heather said the social media has been increasing considerable, many new followers on both Facebook and Instagram.
- Heather's friend from a meeting will support communications on social media posts.
- Try to continue to build momentum with spreading word of RDPDX using social media.
- Bryan is going to be reaching out to Jon about a newsletter.
- Heather will post about wise friends meeting.

Wise Friends Report:

- The meetings have been slim as of lately. Bryan needs to connect with Steve about Wise Friends.
- Bryan will find out if there is an upcoming wise friends meeting on Oct 22 this month and if there is going to be a workshop in the last quarter.
- Also, there hasn't been a lot of folks at the 5:30 wise friends mentors meeting. Michael will reach out to Steve about the 5:30 meeting.

- It would also be great to find a co-chair to support Steve in this position.
- Also, the possibility of putting wise friends and programs committees together as one committee. Perhaps wise friends in their monthly meeting could discuss this.

Programs Discussion

- Zanny's idea was to formalize pay scales for Programs and guest speakers. Something that we could bring to guest speakers so that programs and wise friends can discuss them.
- Bryan will reach out to Jess about the pay scales she brought to programs in the past year.

Unity Committee (Robin):

- Robin is struggling doing unity on her own, and really would like a co-chair in the committee.
- If there could be a description of what the Unity committee is would be helpful for folks to see what they'd be getting involved with might help for finding more interested folks.
- Temporary buddies idea, supporting folks just leaving inpatient programs.

Summit Update and Discussion (Dawn):

- Dawn has notes to send to Heather with Summit notes from SLC this past August '22. Dawn would like to talk about Summit at the intersangha. Small amount of people online and in-person, but a great opportunity and experience.
- Still need to connect with the global community about exactly the needs that a Summit in Portland would entail. Dawn will probably volunteer at the Summit '23, so that she can learn about all the tasks that go into running it.
- Dawn and heather have been looking at rooms and spaces to hold the summit. There are some great spaces using PSU or other schools.
- Emphasize to global the need for online options at the Summit, because so much of the community since the pandemic has been involved with online meetings and communities, rather than in-person.
- Reach out to Joel at global to set up another meeting about Global bid for 2024.

Quarterly Intersangha Agenda Items

- Heather co-chair/chair
- Summit '22 Update
- Importance of volunteering and intersangha involvement
- Town Hall Global update

Open Items/New Business:

- Continuing to announce to meetings the importance of service and posting a blurb on the website about the Buddhist Global Relief Oct 29 event and that RDPDX supports this group.

- RD Global town hall last weekend - Michael was very encouraged with the energy and new president at RD global. One of the thoughts that came out, was that RD has been in infancy for so long, and that it's time to grow
- Low participation overall in the Global town hall.
- There's a book grant that Global offers, and we could apply to get 25 books for Bybee Lakes and Brookside. Dawn would be willing to apply for this grant. She would mention that we serve inpatient communities that can't support themselves, and are eager for books.