

02/11/2023 - Intersangha Working Group Meeting

Present:

Heather (Chair), Bryan (Chair Support & Website), Stuart (Secretary), Ezra (Co-Secretary), Anna (Co-Communications), Michael (Wise Friends), Robin (Unity), Scott (Treasury Support)

Intersangha Check In

Treasury Report (Scott):

- OnPoint - \$472.72
- PayPal - \$2,432.38
 - Total - \$2,905.10

- We just paid our website bill.
- Our Global contribution still needs to be done.
- Zoom fees are increasing by \$1.00 in March.
- We could switch from a monthly to an annual zoom payment plan.

Communications Report (Anna):

- There are posts on Facebook for all upcoming events.
- A message went out about the upcoming unity committee event.
- There were no responses, but there was confirmation that it was received.

Secretary Report (Stuart):

- Nothing to report.

Unity Report (Robin):

- Upcoming event at Ground Control on the 26th at 1:00 PM PT.
- It would be helpful to have a way to contact meeting facilitators about announcing the event in meetings.
- The event will be advertised on the website.
- Facilitators could screen share the PDX website as well as posting a link in the chat.
- Heather will post on the Instagram account.
- There may be a small intersangha expense from providing \$1.00 in quarters to everyone showing up.
- We do have the \$100.00 amount available for events, although it would be ideal not to spend that each time.
- Asking those who come if they need it is a simple way of providing if necessary.
- There is now unity committee support, which will hopefully allow for a more regular event schedule.

Wise Friends Report (Michael):

- The Sangha Safety workshop is outlined.
- Eleanor will discuss safety in the sangha and boundaries.
- Michael will talk about self-compassion and self-care.

- Workshop: April 29th from 10:30 – 1:30 PM
- Looking at: an open inquiry circle & communication with various meetings for consultations about health and ability to move forward.
- Going to try at communicating the importance of service in recovery.
- Many people are asking for mentors, and there are those who are able but feel unqualified.

Sangha Volunteer Needs (Heather):

- In need of: Co-Chair, Treasurer, Co-Treasurer, Communication & Summit 2024 Committee Chair.
- Scott doesn't mind continuing on as treasurer as needed.
- Robin volunteered to step in as treasurer.
- Being Unity chair and treasurer is fine if receipts are kept.
- Motion to make Robin acting treasurer to be confirmed at the next quarterly – Unanimous in favor.
- It's important to reach out individually to people and make them feel seen and needed.
- Anna volunteered to step in as co-treasurer to be confirmed at the next quarterly – Unanimous in favor.
- We lost our Summit committee chair. Heather is willing to continue but will need more support.
- Are we still interested in hosting the summit?
- This is a great place for the summit, and global is excited about the idea.
- Robin, Kaet and Bryan are both stepping up to help.
- It's important to us that the summit in Portland is hybrid.
- In need a facilitator for the Meditation Sandwich (online).
- Received a one-time volunteer for tonight.
- Going forward we may need to cut down or remove the meeting.
- Because we are planning on hosting the 2024 summit, the co-chair needs to be in Portland.

Open Items/New Business:

- There have been a lot of zoom bombers.
- Issues seem to go along with school breaks.
- Taking security measures is helpful. Turning on the waiting room, turning off the rename option, not allowing people in once the meditation starts unless they are recognized, muting people during the meditation and shares, turning off the chat, having a co-host.
- Protecting those who are there is important.
- The time of our working groups is overlapping with the women/trans/nonbinary meeting.
- Pushing the time earlier will then overlap with the metamorphosis meeting.
- Motion to move the working groups to 10:00 AM PT – Unanimous in favor.
- We will need to move over to the second zoom account.
- Mai has requested support in starting a new meeting in Bellingham Washington.
- We will send Mai 10 books to get started.

Meeting Closed