

11/11/2023 – Intersangha Working Group Meeting

Present:

Heather (Chair), Eleanor (Co-Chair), Anna (Communications & Co-Treasurer), Robin (Treasurer & Unity), Michael (Wise Friends), Scott (Acting Treasurer), Ezra (Secretary), Bryan (Chair/Communications Support)

Intersangha Check In

Confirming Continued/Incoming Positions (Heather/All):

- Officers
 - Chair: Eleanor
 - Co-Chair: Vacant
 - Treasurer: Robin
 - Co-Treasurer: Anna
 - Secretary: Ezra
 - Co-Secretary: Vacant
 - Communications: Anna
 - Co-Communications: Vacant
- Committee Chairs
 - Wise Friends: Michael
 - Unity: Robin
 - Summit: Heather
 - Outreach Coordination: Heather
- Should certain roles be 2 years because there's such a learning curve?
- Before our January meeting we need to do some recruiting and could use other methods.
- When moving into the upcoming year, each co-role could be in charge of recruiting their replacement.
- Many of us have transitioned into roles part way through the year.
- There have been issues with trying to pass off the treasury role.
- These are volunteer roles and we're all doing our best.
- We are having issues with finding a good time for these meetings. The current time doesn't work well for a number of people, but we have revisited this many times and it still seems to be best.
- We may simply need to set it up so that those who leave early present first and those who arrive late present last.

Treasury Report (Scott):

- PayPal: \$1,907.58
- OnPoint: \$304.69
 - Total: \$2,212.27
- Yearly expenses are generally under what we're receiving in dana except for around April/May when we send two people to the summit.
- Dana is down 28% from last year.
 - Jan-Oct 2022: \$3590.66

- Jan-Oct 2023: \$2562.98
 - Difference: \$1,027.68
- It's important that we verbalize our need for dana. When we do make a point of reaching out dana increases dramatically.
- How we are spending money
 - Online support: 14%
 - Books: 11%
 - Unity: 6%
 - Summit: 49%
 - Global donations: 29%
- Our first Global donations happen in January, when we've just raised a lot of money for the summit.
- Again, in April when we're spending the money on plane tickets and lodging for the summit.
- We're sending 20% of that money saved above prudent reserves, which is a large amount and cuts into what we saved for the summit.
- Global Donations
 - 1/15/22: \$189
 - 4/16/22: \$306
 - 7/16/22: \$134
 - 10/14/22: \$211
 - 1/21/23: \$352
 - 4/15/23: \$347
 - 7/23: \$0 (Donation paused)
 - Total: \$1542
- 2023 Monthly Budget
 - Online Support: \$50
 - Books: \$100
 - Unity: \$100
 - Summit: \$150 (\$1,800 total)
 - Total: \$400 X3 months = \$1,200 (PR)
 - Anticipated Expenses: \$4,800
 - Actual Dana In: \$3,575
 - Actual Expenses: \$3,518
- Proposed 2024 Monthly Budget
 - Online Support: \$50
 - Books: \$200
 - Unity: \$35 (Quarterly Events)
 - Summit/Programs: \$115 (\$1,380 total)
 - Total: \$400 X3 months= \$1,200 (PR)
- Global Donations Options:

	20% Cap	15% Cap	
20%	\$200	\$200	10%

1/15/22:	\$189	\$189	\$142	\$95
4/16/22:	\$306	\$200	\$200	\$153
7/16/22:	\$134	\$134	\$101	\$67
10/14/22:	\$211	\$200	\$158	\$106
1/21/23:	\$352	\$200	\$200	\$176
4/15/23:	\$347	\$200	\$200	\$174
7/23:	\$0			

- The 15% option seems to be preferred.
- For a few years we have been sending people to the summit partially as research for the 2024 summit in PDX.
- In the past we have done a raffle.
- In the future we could instead set up a scholarship and make it more affordable rather than fully covering 1 or 2 people.
- It would be good to prioritize workshops with guest speakers.
- We could start making suggestions of amounts to people when bringing up dana at meetings. Rather than making a blanket statement we could say “we suggest setting up a weekly donation of \$1 or \$2. That would bring in plenty of dana for us to work with.
- Having a Venmo QR code that we could screen share would be helpful, however we don’t have Venmo and there are some challenges with that possibility.
- We may already have a Venmo account which is probably preferred for many over PayPal.
- We will revisit this proposal and vote at the January working group to be confirmed at the Quarterly meeting.

Communications (Anna):

- Nothing to report.

Secretary (Ezra):

- We only have 1GB of storage on the zoom cloud and due to it being full the October quarterly meeting recording has not been received.
- Received the recording for October’s quarterly meeting.
- Will reach out to Matt about the co-secretary position.
- There are still past minutes that need to be completed. Ezra will investigate and complete all needed minutes. There are other completed minutes that have not made it onto the website yet.

Unity (Robin):

- Nothing to report.

Wise Friends (Michael):

- The December workshop has been canceled due to the RDG retreat.
- Still looking to figure out a registration system.

- We could have a suggested donation and people would need to go through that process in order to get the link. It would also allow us to receive a list of emails which we could use to send out the survey.
- We have used this registration process in the past and it has allowed us to pay guest speakers more easily. We have collected plenty of dana and split it with them.
- Some speakers do require a specific amount.
- The next Wise Friends Committee meeting is next weekend (11-18-2023).
- They will be planning a time for the next workshop. Proposed date is February 17th from 12-3pm PT.
- The December Wise Friend Committee meeting is canceled.

2024 Summit Committee (Heather):

- Heather was asked to meet last minute today at 4:30pm ET.
- Going to request that meetings can be set for Mondays where all committee members can meet.

Outreach Committee (Heather):

- Nothing to report.

Open Business/New Items (All):

- Zoom meetings end at the end of January and will need to be renewed.
- Michael received a text from JB. The zoom meeting is not active and can be allowed to expire.
- The Monday Awakening Minds meeting has been changed to authenticated users only. Due to a misleading message when attempting to login a note has been added onto the global listing that states "Must be signed into a free zoom account". This note needs to be added onto the PDX website as well.
- Our "meetings" page of the website is now setup differently. It used to be organized by in-person and online but now are all mixed. Agreed that it is preferable for them to be separated as before for user experience and ease.