

BMS Practice Council Meeting Minutes **Wednesday, February 1, 2017**

Members present: Chris Lammer, Shannon Commers, Kathryn Montgomery, Berta Tavlin, Dave Monsees, Denise Arellano, Chi E Shenam Weston, Laurie Barrera, Tom Neale, Keith Williams, Michele Tae, Nassir Parrish

Facilitator: Chris

Recorder: Kathryn

Discussion Items:

1. Opened with short meditation and check in
2. Minutes were accepted from prior meeting.
3. Brief discussion on PC member terms and protocol of welcoming new members.
 - Keith Williams was unanimously accepted as a new member of the PC, replacing Chi E Shenam.
4. Treasurer's Report
 - Balance \$17,711.21. Income \$610.00 and Expenses \$551.85
5. Brochure and Membership Form
 - Laurie distributed draft of brochure.
 - Discussion ensued concerning verbiage to be in compliance with Idaho law and BMS bylaws.
6. Chris announced we are expected to use de-icer by outside door. TV in meeting room is for our use, as needed for Thay's talks.
7. New building update
 - Letter of Intent was delivered to landlord. We have first right of refusal, as are outlined in LOI.
 - Remodels are being done in a neutral gray pallet.
 - Roof needs repair prior to moving in.
 - Sublet rules: Must be non-profit status similar to BMS
 - Committees are forming; Fundraising (Kathryn and Ardella), Building Mgmt (Berta), Facilities (Jim and Tom).
 - Shannon reported financial commitments in Core Community show an additional \$5,440 annually. It was suggested M'Tae send an email to all previous donors.
8. Core Community Meeting
 - Keith will lead and format agenda, with M'Tae and Jim assisting.
 - Email agenda items to Keith, as needed.
9. DOM- February 18th
10. Wed night schedule - Jim will take over managing the Bell Master Schedule, relieving Chris.
11. Spring retreat
 - April 20-23 with Dharmacharya Terry Cortes Vega
 - Coordinators (Berta and Kathryn), Food (Denise), Marketing (Laurie)
 - Berta will post at BIBS
 - Tom asked about advertising in publications to encourage more participation.
12. Fall retreat
 - September 7-10th with Peggy and Larry at Nazareth for residential retreat
 - Deer Park retreat is September 12-17th.
13. M'Tae suggested additional opportunity to practice – Sunday gathering in addition to Book Group.
14. New business: Michael has asked to come for a retreat in 2017. Some expressed that Rowan would be more economical, as well as he can continue to share his experience growing sangha. M'Tae offered to be Retreat Coordinator, if we move forward with an OI and Aspirant retreat with Michael, as opposed to Rowan.