

Minutes of Dharma Centre of Canada Board Meeting March 7th, 2022

Present: Karen, Robin, Christine, David, Cheryl, Nick, Monique
Guest: Steven. (absent Mark)

Confirmation of Agenda: moved Christine, seconded Nick
Discussion, moved #13 to # 6 and #14 to #8
Passed unanimously

Approval of Minutes of Feb 8
Moved Cheryl, seconded David , approved unanimously

President's Report (Christine)

Letter to Resident Teachers- consensus to send Nick's letter
Transition: many meetings with Marion and Marta, transference of documents and knowledge transfer went very smoothly. Great to have SJ as Admin during transfer
Good, the committees are stepping up
Christine can give us access to Google Drive

Christine moved , David seconded, that Monique stay as Treasurer until next AGM
Approved unanimously

HRC Report (Steven)

SaraJo is interim Off-Site Retreat Manager, working 5 hours a week February and 10 hours per week March

Stewards: Len-has been available February March, will stay till end of April

We need someone else there for retreats... Karen will be there for first 3 retreats

We found a wonderful On-Site Retreat Manager. She works at the Thai Embassy and has volunteered at Ajahn Viradhammo's 2 monasteries ...great references. She is a Theravada Buddhist and recently very interested in Vajrayana
We will have a Zoom meeting in near future with her.
Some discussion re finances and a contract for her

Ukraine (Robin)

DCC could give visa for workers coming from Ukraine, long history of Buddhist practice in Ukraine (Karmapa, Garchen R, Lama Lena)

How could we rescue and help them come to DCC

Sally has contacts with Centre in Kyiv, also woman who finished 3 year retreat in February in Ukraine, now in Toronto but going to Poland to offer help to Ukrainian refugees coming to Canada

Canadian Government letting in Ukrainian refugees easily now, not on regulator immigration visa

Christine stated M&M had Spiritual Worker's Visa, which is a brilliant way to bring them to DCC and Canada

Vote for Executive Committee

Moved by Christine, seconded by David to establish the Executive Committee.

Passed unanimously

Consists of Officers: President, Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary

Property and Maintenance Report (Robin)

len is doing a great job in Main House and especially Hill House, making it habitable.....rid of dead mice, fixed leak in roof, looking at leaking foundation in Main House, fixed bathhouse caulking and grouting, installed new fire bricks in Hill House

He is working for free,...suggested we give him a free special membership instead of reimbursing him

Propane fridge for Orion Cabin. Robin will order this.

Karen will test water on March 14, the water will be opened on March 11.

Building Committee Report (David)

Maria letter re Temple renewal, suggesting 3 levels of engineers,.These experts will report to a proper committee

The Dharma Centre was given \$ 81,900 donation as a bequest from Shelley Buttimore a long time member of the DCC. Her mother Monica Buttimore is executor of the will. The donation is to the Dharma Centre and does not specify

the purpose. The will does specify that Monica needs to approve of how the money is used. David has communicated with her about this and suggests she be part of or sit in on the Dharma Centre Renewal Committee meetings. That way she can see what calls to her as the best honouring of her daughter Shelley. She agrees with me that a small plaque remembering Shelley and thanking her for her generosity could be placed in a renovated Temple, an improved Teachers' Cabin or another place of her choosing.

David proposes to invite Shelane Tracy Patricia into the Temple committee.
New name, **Dharma Centre Renewal Committee**,

It has several focuses:

- 1 renovate existing buildings
- 2 teaching spaces -new-3 prong
- 3 capital fund (funding)
- 4 get a building person to change DCC zoning, perhaps ask Jim Boyle, get his opinion, and maybe find a volunteer

David moved that we rename the Property Planning Committee under new name DCC Renewal Committee and that we revise the ToR fir this committee.

Seconded by Robin, passed unanimously.

David will work with Christine and Monique to revise the ToR.

Programming Report (Karen)

Karen R, KarenM, Lisa Cowan, Karma Chime will meet for the Programmng Committee.

(Meeting tomorrow)

Some gaps on schedule to be filled in.

SJ wanted to clarify Stewards: March 27-28 Kim Rose, April 8-10 Chris Von Bayer

Marketing

Nick has a routine for marketing. Nick has to pay Mail Chimp account, needs approval..?

Monique said all registrants for retreats must pay in advance because we don't have a full time staff person.

There will be a work weekend March 19-20 and Robin plus others will participate.

Cheryl will contact Peterborough Public Health about latest Covid protocols for the DC

David moved that Len should receive a Contributing Membership this year for all his volunteer work. Robin seconded. All in favour.

David will email Len on behalf of the Board to let him know.

Governance meeting timing undecided (Eva could not attend this meeting)

Robin suggested having the next AGM at the Dharma Centre. (no discussion)

Treasurer's Report Monique

Financial report Board meeting Mar. 7, 2022

Current bank balances :

TD

- chequing – 2,076.31
- savings - 17.96

Kawartha Credit Union

- Chequing – 65,790.10
- Savings - 113,925.09

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So total funds of 181,89.46 (down 7k since Feb 8) of which 109,218.79 are for special purposes. 75,609.49 available for operations.

Profit and Loss – 2021 - loss of 14,882.96 will be reduced by a correction of 1,936.60 year end adjustment.

This loss is in part explained the low revenues this year and by expenses such as

- 3,139 testing for the temple
- 3,014 for the small generator
- 5,197 for the Main House generator

- 1,621 for the electricity at Hill House (new panel)
- 17,120.28 for the tent

For a total of 30,091. Most of these are important investments and part of continuing to invest money in the maintenance of the property.

Wage subsidies in 2021 of 9,505.

Special purpose funds must be used for the purposes for which these funds were donated.

- Practitioner Support Fund 13,586.81 down 2,675
- Yukon Practitioner Support Fund 25,000.00
- Endowment fund 315.00
- Garuda Project 100.00
- Temple Renovation 24,700.66 paid temple design fee.
- Namgyal Yangzab BCC 19,564.89
- Uplifted Property Fund 25,951.43 (for monuments 4,797.33, 1,100 in 2021)
- Total 109,218.79

The Uplifted Property Fund contains 2,375 received for the tent and we should transfer at least that amount to income

Next Board Meeting April 5, 12 noon

Meeting was adjourned and we shared the merit.