

Phoenix Shambhala Meditation Center
Harvest of Peace Community Meeting
September 23, 2018
9:45 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.
25 people present

Amy Kemp, Center Director, facilitated the meeting.

1. The question was raised about whether what people share in the meeting would be confidential. Another question was raised about whether it was appropriate to take notes. Each person voiced his/her opinion. As a result, summary notes were taken after the meeting ended.

2. Amy opened the topic of discussion regarding the Shrine Room Photos and Community Room Photos. She provided a brief history of the culture of Shambhala and explained the current situation so everyone present could understand why we would discuss the photos of the Sakyong.

3. Amy reminded everyone of the options listed in today's agenda, with the understanding that other options might emerge from the discussion.

Options Listed:

- Remove the Sakyong's photograph from the Shrine Rooms
- Cover the Sakyong's photograph in the Shrine Rooms
- Remove or cover both photographs of Chogyam Trungpa and the Sakyong
- Convert one shrine room to a different style of practice space without shrine room photos and leave the other shrine room "as is."
- Remove and store the community room photo of the Sakyong and Sakyong Wangmo

4. Each person shared his/her point of view and preference.

5. Amy summarized the options that most people seemed to prefer. Some people voiced questions and concerns. The group continued the discussion until consensus* was reached.

*It was clarified that consensus is not unanimity, but that it is a decision that most people agree with and everyone can live with.

6. Decisions by Consensus:

1. We will move all photos from both shrine rooms to a new shrine/practice space with the understanding that we will revisit the decision in a future community meeting (Date TBD).
2. We will move the community room photo of the Sakyong and Sakyong Wangmo to the new shrine/practice space.
3. We will move the community room photo of Chogyam Trungpa to a public, but less prominent place in the community room.

Due to time constraints, we moved the discussion item about Monthly Contribution to Shambhala International to the Council Meeting on Monday, October 8.

Amy led us in dedicating the merit and closed the meeting.