

Phoenix Shambhala Council Meeting

January 14, 2019

6:30 – 8:20 P.M.

Present: LaDawn, Del, Andre, Kim, Michelle, Chris, Muffie, Lynn and Pavel

LaDawn opened the meeting with sitting practice.

1. Lha Practice: Led by Chris

- Contemplation on our sangha and enlightened society.

2. Agenda Overview: LaDawn

- We added the agenda item of an update from Practice and Education and decided to start with that item.

3a. Practice and Education Update: Del

- Del announced she will step down as Director of Practice and Education on Shambhala Day and will support the transition of the various responsibilities associated with the position over the next couple of months.

4. Additional Announcement and Discussion

- On Behalf of the current Council Members (LaDawn, Del, Andre, Lucia and Lynn):
 - Lynn announced that Amy has decided to step down as Center Director, effective Shambhala Day.
 - Lynn also announced that the Council met in a working session on Saturday, January 12 and will meet again on Monday, January 21 in a working session.
 - January 21 Council Working Session Purpose: Identify and prioritize current Phoenix Shambhala Center needs for our community discussion at the Council Meeting on February 17.
- Discussion:
 - Participants in tonight's meeting discussed the need for our sangha to think collaboratively about our core values or principles, in particular with regard to our vision for how we are together; how we include everyone and how we make decisions.
 - The Council agreed to consider all points of view and bring the topic of group processes to the whole community."

3b. Practice and Education Update, continued: Del

- Way of the Moon:
 - Way of the Moon Open House will be rescheduled, date TBD.
 - Kim will lead the program and has ordered the Sadhana of Kindness texts.
 - Del asked for a volunteer to coordinate the year-long program. Lynn volunteered.
- Level I in February, Directed by Kim
 - Lynn will (with support from others) personally invite people to register for the Level I in February.
- Wisdom in Everyday Life will be led by Kim and will start on the date posted on the website.
- Meditation in Everyday Life
 - Lynn will talk to Stuart and consider starting MIEL before the Level I.
 - Michelle presented her idea to post flyers for classes and events in handsome frames at the entrance to the community room, visible from the hallway. After some discussion, the final decision of the group regarding the program flyers was to put them up in flyer holders so we can distribute multiple copies.

5. Shambhala Day Planning – February 10: LaDawn

- Michelle will compile and submit a Photo Montage
- Andre will be the liaison with fundraising – Shambhala Global Services
- Loretta will preview and mark the time of sections of the Shambhala Day presentation by Shambhala International.
 - Andre will assist Loretta.
- Michelle will post the details, include them in a newsletter to subscribers and in an email to members.
- Schedule of Activities:
 - 8:00 A.M. Shambhala Sadhana, led by Pavel
 - 9:00-9:30 A.M. Tea
 - 9:30-10:00 A.M. Sitting Practice (Umdze: Michelle)
 - 10:00-10:45 A.M.
 - Kim will offer introductory remarks.
 - Lynn will offer brief remarks about Membership
 - Loretta and Andre will facilitate the broadcast from Shambhala International
 - Including 5 min from Director Faradee regarding fundraising
 - 10:45 Fun and Food
 - Fun, led by Muffie and Pavel

- Food, pot luck, organized by Chris
- 1:00 P.M. Dedicate the Merit

6. Membership Update: Lynn

- We have 30 members.
- Membership dues have decreased on average by \$200/month.
- Lynn asked for community input about membership.
 - Pavel will send ideas to Lynn about membership and Lynn will send them to everyone.

7. Financial Update: Andre

- Decline in income to expenses from 2017 to 2018.
- Andre will provide the community with an Operational Q3 and Q4 Report at the February Council Meeting with a handout.

8. Salon Update: Michelle

- Feb 9 – LaDawn
- March 9 – Lynn
- April 13 – Loretta -- Human Rights Film Festival