

Community Meeting: 26 April 2020

Present: Barbara, LaDawn, Chris, Alan, Muffie, Lynn, Andre, Jim, Kim, Loretta (for part of the meeting), Michelle

When do we reopen to in-person meetings? Should we cancel May open house and Shambhala Sadhana?

- We should follow CDC and local guidelines, which will probably not be announced until the last minute. Projections are that cases will peak in Arizona in June.
- Should we cancel programs until the end of May? Consent decision to close through May and then reassess.
- Should we convert May Open house to Public Sitting? Or cancel? Agree to postpone open house until June, in person or zoom depending on recommendations at that time.
- Shambhala Sadhana should be cancelled with online links provided.

Report on discussion with the landlord

- Muffie and Barbara met with Richard to ask about lowering the rent temporarily. He has agreed to reduce the rent to \$1000 for two months (June and July) without a requirement of paying him back.
- He also noted that he does not intend to come after the guarantors with legal action if we run out of money before the end of the lease.
- He will meet with us in July to discuss our situation at that time.
- Muffie has a copy of the lease with this addendum.
- Muffie will talk to Steve about making changes to the rent payment.
- Thermostat and refrigerator have been shut off. Gas has been turned off. Housekeeping has been temporarily cancelled. We're not being charged for internet this month. Insurance was paid for the year in October; we don't get that from SGS.
- Have we received payment from Kunzang Choling? The spreadsheet might not have been properly updated yet; we should contact them to ask.

Follow up on monthly payment to Shambhala Global Services

- Do we want to cancel our \$200 monthly transfer to SGS?
- Review of what we get from SGS: this includes training, IT, Care and Conduct.
- Review of our estimated current financial figures: \$4500 checking, \$10,250 savings, \$14750 total.
- We had a brief check in to get people's reactions to this question.
- Options: keep the current contribution, reduce it to \$100/month or \$50/month, or cancel it?
- Consent decisions: continue to contribute, revisit the decision in two months (end of June community meeting), reduce temporarily to \$100/month.
- Plan for future meetings: send out complete financial report and a predictive model in advance of each meeting.

Report on P&E meeting

- Jeff Scott (SGS) met with regional P&E leaders. Offered online resources. International programs are being delayed until after the summer. ABQ and Tucson are doing well; Tucson has had a leadership change. Both are having online sittings and nyinthun. ABQ is planning a Level III in May but has low registration. We all offered to help each other with coordinating; we have also proposed splitting money between local and host centers. We will need to figure out the logistics of this; Michelle and Andre will talk to Chris about the details.
- Level I requires a nyinthun or extended sitting; we will try to add this to our schedule. Chris will talk to Kim about options.
- We have 4 people taking JIEL and 5 retaking it; we hope to create a cohort to complete IEL.
- Can we split up a list of people to call and encourage to take Level 1 or IELs?

From Kim: Adding a statement about "Basic Goodness without barriers" to our website

- We will email this to attendees for feedback.

Next meeting: May 18, 6:30 pm

- Financial report and predictive model.
- Other updates?