

Community Meeting

8/16/20

Present: Kim, Barbara, Andre, Bev, Lynn, LaDawn, Loretta, Michelle

Update on reopening plans

- We have had at least 3 weeks of downward trend, and could survey the community at this time; however, we do not yet know the effect of schools reopening.
- Chris suggested surveying the ROTA list to see who would be ready to come back to staff.
- Some attendees also expressed concern about limiting their exposure.
- Andre reported that many Sarpashana attendees would like to reopen, at least for their meeting. Andre offered to staff Sarpashana along with Mike Lipscomb, and to refer to CDC reopening guidelines. He does note that they have been meeting via Zoom and it's been well attended, but some prefer to meet in person.
- Kim shared an [update from the Victoria Center](#) as a suggestion of what other centers are doing, for us to keep in mind at such time as we are ready to reopen.
- Suggestion: send a survey to our community to evaluate who might be ready to come back, when/which metrics would make them comfortable with coming back, and which day(s)/event(s), including clear guidelines for using the space (i.e, wear masks, no tea, etc.). We can send a separate survey to Sarpashana. This should not be considered a commitment to a course of action, but a sense of where we're at.
- The group agreed to send a survey to members/friends as described above; Lynn will work on this survey and send a draft to Michelle, Andre, and LaDawn. Andre agreed to contact Sarpashana members.
- Next step: bring data to September meeting and make decisions there. Michelle will make September events online only with a potential change pending decisions at this meeting.

Financial update, including follow up on transfer to SGS and rent payment

- Andre shared the [financial update](#) through July. We're breaking even year-to-date. Membership payments are up slightly, in part due to better tracking.
- Barbara updated us on rent payments: \$1200/month for August and September. Future payments are TBD.
 - Richard did not receive our August payment. Steve stopped payment on the check and hand-delivered a new check. Steve said that he would continue to hand-deliver rent checks in the future to prevent further problems with mailing.
 - Richard expressed hopes that we renew the list beyond June 2021 and may be willing to work with us, although he did not get into specifics.
- Barbara has a lead on the possibility of a sublet. The last time we discussed subletting, we agreed that it would need to be a nonprofit; is this still the case? Or does it need to be a like-minded group? The group agreed that Barbara should first screen the request and reject it if it's for profit; if it's nonprofit, she will gather more information and bring it back to the group. Note that we would not sublet before reopening the Center.
- Transfer to Shambhala Global Services: Andre has been in communication with SGS about lowering our payment or temporarily cancelling it to catch up on the delay (the community decided in April to lower payments to \$100, but this did not take effect at that

time, so we're "behind" on our savings). The group decided to make payments of \$100 per month for the next 4 months and revisit the decision at the December meeting. Note that no payment has been made for July and August.

P&E update

- Level 2 in August, Three Lords of Materialism in September
- WIEL to come in October
- Harvest of Peace events? Could we offer the Shambhala Sadhana? Barbara and Michelle will discuss this with Chris. Boulder offers this online; we could reach out to them or to Walker Blaine. Loretta will reach out to Walker Blaine.

Next meeting: September 7 at 6:30 pm