



Sky Creek Dharma Center

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors

Sky Creek Dharma Center

February 20, 2008

5:30-7:00 PM at Sky Creek Dharma Center

Board Members Present:

Jasper Lerch, President
Kate Transchel, Vice President
Ann Ponzio, Co-Secretary
Kirsten Boyd, Co-Secretary
Jessica MacKenzie, Treasurer
Bob Egert
Lakshmi Ariaratnam

Proceedings:

Meeting called to order at 5:46pm by Jasper Lerch.

Minutes from the previous meeting held on January 30 were reviewed and motioned into approval by Ann; Seconded by Jessica; Aye: 6; Nay:0; Abstain: 1.

Agenda:

Executive Director Report:

There was nothing new to report.

Executive Committee Report:

There has been some committee work, but nothing new to report.

Treasurer Report:

Jessica submitted a report to the Board entitled "Treasurer's Report to the Board and the Sky Creek Dharma Center Sangha February 20, 2008" which the Board adopted. It has been added to the minutes for open review by anyone.

Continuing Business:

A. Lobsang Samtem Event

As of the current date, two of the three events scheduled have taken place with much success. The first talk entitled "Medicine Buddha Healing" brought in \$183 to the Center; the second talk

entitled “Kalachakra Teachings” brought in \$62 to the Center; the third and final talk has not taken place yet, but is scheduled for this upcoming Saturday the 23rd.

B. Sunday Morning All-Sangha Sit

There was discussion as to the structure of the sit. Joanne volunteered to ring bells for the first Sunday’s sit.

Motion: The All-Sangha sits are scheduled to take place every Sunday from 10:00-11:15am. Responsibility for hosting the sits will rotate between the four sanghas currently meeting at the Center, and potentially the Paradise Shambala group who meet at the Center once a month, and will follow the basic backbone of sitting, walking, and sitting meditation for 45 minutes followed by refreshments and tea. *Motioned to approve by Ann; Seconded by Jessica; Aye: all; Nay: 0; Abstain: 0.*

C. The NVC School

The coordinators of the NVC School have received a better offer as to the location of their school. They have decided to take that offer and decline the use of the Dharma Center’s facilities for their school.

D. Location of the Center and the Lease

The Dharma Center has a new lease of the Sky Creek property through December 31, 2008 under the name of Sky Creek Dharma Center. Rent is \$1,500 a month- the same amount as the prior lease.

Some discussion followed concerning the pros and cons of the Dharma Center’s location:

Pros: good parking, no college noise, no objecting or counteractive businesses or neighbors, the serene location, the luck in finding a building suitable to the needs of the Center.

Cons: the environmental impact caused by driving out to the Center’s remote location, the lack of good structure and use of the Center’s layout, and whether it will be possible to financially succeed in the present location.

Ann proposed the idea that the Board should make a mission statement to be as environmentally conscious as possible.

Motion: The Board will accept the current lease of \$1,500 per month with Georgie through December 31, 2008 and see it through to its entirety. *Motioned to approve by Ann; Seconded by Jasper; Aye: all; Nay: 0; Abstain: 0.*

E. Plumbing Status

The Dharma Center has a new hot water heater. The whole house has hot water now except for the bathroom in the very back where Amos previously resided. That bathroom's plumbing was installed incorrectly by an old tenant of the house. The new water heater was installed by Jim McCracken's plumbing and cost \$800. Georgie paid for it.

F. Propane Status

The bill for the propane is now in the name of Sky Creek Dharma Center.

G. Insurance Coverage for the Center

Jessica is going to get a copy of Georgie's insurance to see if it is sufficient for the needs of the Dharma Center for the Board to review.

H. Non-Profit and Tax Exempt Status

The Dharma Center is minor paperwork and a \$35 fee away from achieving official Non-Profit Organization status as well as Tax Exempt Status. Jessica is working on the final details of this endeavor.

I. Renting of the Office in the Dharma Center

Ann has received interest in renting the office of the Dharma Center by a woman. It was advertised as a \$400 month to month lease. She has a body work business. Times in which she will need to rent the office will be discussed with Ann so that it will be clear that her needs will not interfere with the schedule of the sangha's currently meeting at the Center.

New Business:

A. Resignation of Executive Director, Amos Clifford

Amos Clifford has decided to resign from his position of Executive Director due to his recent relocation to Sebastopol, CA. A letter of resignation has been sent by Amos and added into the minutes.

Motion: To accept the resignation of Amos Clifford as Executive Director of the Sky Creek Dharma Center's Board of Directors as of February 1, 2008. *Motioned to approve by Jasper; Seconded by Jessica; Aye: all; Nay: 0; Abstain: 0.*

B. Yoga Teacher at Sky Creek

Yoga teacher Kym Coco with Joyful Yoga is now going to be conducting yoga classes at the Dharma Center several days a week during the afternoon beginning on February 26th. She will be using the meditation hall.

Action Items:

A. Transfer of Waste Management Bill

The waste management bill was under the name of Amos Clifford. It is in the process of being transferred into the Sky Creek Dharma Center's name.

B. Executive Coordinator

Discussion of creating an executive coordinating committee was deferred until the next meeting.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 19, 2008 at 4:00-6:30.

Meeting adjourned by Jasper Lerch at 7:00pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by-

Kirsten Boyd
Secretary to the Board