



Sky Creek Dharma Center

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors

Sky Creek Dharma Center

January 17, 2009

1:30-4:00 PM at Sky Creek Dharma Center

Board Members Present

Jessica MacKenzie, President

Kirsten Boyd, Secretary

Bob Egert, Treasurer

Marian Baldy

Ellan Evans

Chris Perske

Brittany Whitman-Hall

Proceedings:

Meeting called to order at 1:34pm by Jessica MacKenzie.

Review of minutes for December 7, 2008.

Motion: to move the proposed minutes of December 7th into corporate records as final minutes. *Motion to approve by Kirsten; Seconded by Lakshmi; Aye: all; Nay: 0; Abstain: 0.*

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee:

Jessica noted that this Committee will meet, and therefore report, on an as-needed basis.

Budget and Finance Committee:

See attached report. No board action required.

Communications and Technology Committee:

The Communications and Technology Committee did not have an official meeting during our break but maintained frequent email communication. Brittany presented a verbal report that there are many changes that need to be made to the website in order for it to be easily navigatable and informative. No written report was submitted. The committee will move forward on its agendas; no additional board action was required.

Site Maintenance Committee:

The Site and Maintenance Committee presented a written report to be attached to these minutes. Ellen verbally reviewed the committee's report with the board and led all present on a tour of the facility to give everyone an idea of what the committee's vision for improving and maintaining the Dharma Center site. It was agreed that this report will be published on the bulletin board as well as the online calendar. Via Bob, this committee's reports will be forwarded to the Dharma Center mailing list as well as to the point person representing each sangha to forward to their groups. The committee will move forward on its agendas; no additional board action was required.

Corporate Documents Committee:

The Corporate Documents Committee did not have an official meeting during our break but did maintain communication via phone. Kirsten presented a verbal report outlining the committee's short term goals to achieve a greater transparency including posting board meeting agendas, minutes, and a list of committees/committee members/contact numbers to the public notice board, and the website. No written report was submitted to the board to be attached to these minutes. The committee will move forward on its agendas; no additional board action was required.

Events, Promotion and Fundraising Committee:

See attached report; no board action required. Q1 Calendar of events presented.

Old Business:

Amos' Furniture and Furnishings:

More than \$1,200 in donations were raised from the emails that circulated this month to buy Amos' furnishings. Amos requested a total of \$1,800 for all items that belong to him. Being as it is that we are so close to our goal, Jessica will type an email "thank you" to all that have donated money to this campaign and also re-solicit the idea of final donations to help us reach our goal. Bob will forward this email to the Dharma Center mailing list.

Tax-Exempt Status:

Jessica presented a written report to be attached to the minutes listing what has been completed thus far, and what is needed still in order to complete our tax-exempt application. Jessica and Lakshmi will have the narrative completed within seven days. Board action requested: review the report and forward any input to Jessica and/or Lakshmi.

New Business:

New Friday Night Meditation Sangha:

Some members of what used to be the Paradise Shambala Group have begun sitting at the Dharma Center on Friday nights. As we are uncertain how the group is planning on functioning,

the Executive Committee (as well as any other willing board member) will join their next meditation session and discuss with them their sangha's intensions and goals. They will report at the next board meeting.

Next meeting scheduled for February 28, 2009 at 1:30pm.

Meeting adjourned by Jessica MacKenzie at 4:10 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by-

Kirsten Boyd
Secretary to the Board