

## DCC Board Minutes – Aug 29, 2021

*Present:* David Berry, Steven Gellman, Christine Wihak, Monique Truax, Eva Gohl, Chris von Baeyer

*Guests:* Tracy Sheridan, Marion Herlet, Marta Castiglioni, Nick Russell, Rab Wilkie, Robyn Fineberg, Sonam, Heather

*Check in and Welcome - Opening Meditation*

*Approval of Minutes*

**Motion:** To accept Minutes as amended. Moved: Christine; Seconded –Chris. Monique not present; sent written report. Correct Tracy name spelling. Passed unanimously.

*Business Arising*

*Confirmation of Agenda*

Monique wanted to set up new meeting of Steering Committee to do succession planning for board. Can do at end of agenda. **Motion:** To approve agenda. Moved – David; seconded – Chris. Passed unanimously.

*President's Report*

**Motion to accept report:** Moved - Chris; Seconded – Monique. Passed unanimously.

Christine doing operational duties of President; will continue until AGM. DCC need for a vehicle. Discussion of COVID policies. In discussion with Marion and Marta on Overtime policy. Tent ordered and expected by end of Sept.

Monique reported on Temple questionnaire. She will analyze responses and put on spreadsheet. Need to do maintenance on old Temple if continuing to use. Moisture on window wall and picture wall.

David talked to Rob McConnell and Matt Wright., formed a sub-committee, and got some donated funds to do old Temple maintenance. Frames on window wall replaced in past few years. Identified carpenters who were students of NR, that we can pay to do small jobs. (Richard Clark, Paul Hayes, Edmund Jones to consult from distance). Also Austin Lumber knows good carpenters.

Have sent revised corporate objectives to Richard Thompson. He is still willing to work with us. Richard expressed appreciation at work we had accomplished in 3 months. Richard also asked Monique to adjust presentation of financial reports so funders can clearly see how much we spend on administration and programming.

*Treasurer's Report* [See attached reports]

Loss up to June. About \$40K in revenue for July and August. Monique will check about transfers into operations from Practitioners' Support fund for Zoom retreats.

**Motion to accept:** Moved – Monique; Seconded – Eva. Passed unanimously.

### *Staff Report*

**Marion:** Were anticipating that Ontario would be in Phase 4 when DCC re-opened but are still in Phase 3. Max in Temple therefore 11 units (unit can be couple or household). For M&T retreats, Linda H., numbers exceeded capacity. Teachers, staff worked hard to make adjustments – teaching outside, etc. Got feedback that some people not comfortable about heat, insects, or being with large group. Still trying to get clarification from Peterborough Public Health. Lama Lena will be offering Zoom retreat. Full with waiting list. Offering people to come on site. Lama Lena will do extra class for them. So far, one person. Sai Baba cancelled. M&T will offer 5 day retreat for younger people. Karen Russell will do Zoom retreat. May have a couple more bookings in Dec from outside groups.

**Marta:** Exploring use of contract cooks. Hoping to have relationship with local farm to have veggies developed. Expecting tent by Sept. 20 if everything goes as planned. Have highly recommended local carpenter who will make platform for tent. Looking into outdoor lighting and outdoor heating. Maintenance committee meeting on Aug. 16. Tea house furnace serviced; working well but will need to be replaced. HVAC in Temple serviced. Going full steam on infestation maintenance. Chimney serviced. Lot of waste disposal. Maintenance work in Tara, including new fridge. Pipes in main house scheduled for end of Sept. Roofs are big issue – Hill House, Beaver dam, shed roof of tea house. New carpenter will look at them when has time. Old Temple is huge maintenance project. Need someone devoted to that project. Responded to query about overall status of property. Need to take it building by building. Wrote 15 page report last year. Hill House roof will be big expense. Water damage in basement of Main House also big expense and urgent.

Food costs going up, so fees will need to increase. Working on getting food delivered as much as possible.

**Motion to accept reports. Moved:** Chris; Seconded: David.

### *DCC Official Dana Statement*

Christine suggested edits to standard info package. Section on dana on website, with links to writing by all NR lineage teachers. Illegal for DCC to collect dana for teachers.

**Motion:** That Christine and Marion craft for Board approval an information package, including short section on dana, which all teachers will be required to use. Moved: Christine. Seconded: Chris. Passed unanimously.

### *New Business*

Exec needs to focus on DCC need for vehicle in next month.

*Date of next meeting:*

Next ordinary meeting will be Sept 26 at 10:30 am EDT

Next Steering committee meeting will be 11am EDT on Sept. 9

**Motion to adjourn:** Passed unanimously.

Sharing of merit.

Meeting adjourned.