

DCC Minutes of Board Meeting , May 2, 2022 1:00pm

Present: Christine, Karen, Mark, Robin, Monique, David, Nick, Cheryl
Guest, Steven

Adoption of Minutes of Board Meeting April 5th, 2022

Mark moves, Robin seconds, All in favour

President's Report: Christine

Pet policy to be drafted by Christine, Mark & Robin and brought to the Board

Motion The Buddhist Place Group be allowed to to erect a plaque to honour a deceased member, on condition that they maintain it.

Moved by Christine, seconded by David, All in favour.

Christine recommends that in future, no more plaques

Motion Effective today, the 10% discount for Bodhi Books should be removed from the DCC website.

Moved by Christine, seconded by Mark, All in favour

Christine welcomed Noon to the DCC.

There was a training week. Sara-Jo worked with Noon for 3 days.

Monique will be Noon's Supervisor, as she has the past experience of supervising Marta. Noon will be interacting often with Karen & Robin regarding Programming and Property, respectively.

Christine reminded the Board that since Noon receives Room & Board we need to reimburse her for her groceries.

Robin reminded the Board that Noon's working hours /time off must be adhered to...she should not be working 10 hours per day...to be clarified with Executive

Financial Report : Monique

It is tax time this week, so no current financial statement for the year.
Reduced loss for 2021: \$7000 transferred for the tent; loss for 2021 was under \$10,000.

We have lots of money in our accounts:
\$279,000 including \$182,000 in special purpose funds.
Currently \$97,000 in operating funds, therefore we have money for repairs.
We should invest some of it...perhaps \$30,000 for now.

NooN solved Bell access problem.

We need to get a DCC vehicle. It will be too much wear and tear on NooN's car.

Need to purchase a good used vehicle, perhaps for \$20-\$30,000.
Steven recommends a utility van for the DCC.
Van Committee : Nick, Robin and Monique.

AGM : Christine

2 Board members need to stand for re election.
Robin and either Cheryl or Mark. Mark said he will stand for re election
David and Christine in 2023 will be at the end of their terms.
We need to inform membership of who is running and ask for nominations.
Steven recommends Pat Butts and Byron Stevens
Christine will try to have Toronto location for AGM. Maybe Chris's place.

AGM May 29th, deadline for people renewing membership May 18th in order to vote at AGM.

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Retreat Coordinator's Report: Noon

Nick will meet with Noon soon to give her marketing info
NooN says she is using the DC computer and it is working well.
She says it is wonderful to be at the DC.
Sara Jo and Len have been helping her and she feels safe and welcomed.
Focussing on upcoming retreat... 19 participants so far.
Nick is helping her with membership and marketing info.

Robin will go to the DC at various times so she can check with Noon that all is OK.
Nick will have a Zoom call with Noon this coming week and will soon go there in person.

Property Report: Robin

Hill House : Lee across the road will be able to do the construction for the kitchen and bathroom.

Estimate Lee \$10,000 + \$16,000 (supplies and labour)

Hill House Roof : estimate \$13,000 appr. Can start work the beginning of June

Main House: repair of leaking foundation about \$13,000

Main House plumbing, including water softeners and UV purification about \$8000

Road Repairs: Michael, who lives on Galway Road can do the gravel work on main paths ..about \$5000

Robin recommends a shipping container for ATV, wood splitter , and a workshop
70 x20 Feet \$3200

Orion fridge has been ordered, delivery May 14.....will need propane installer for \$300

Christine and Monique respond : we cannot afford all of this at once.
We need to establish priorities and a timeline...
We also need a permit for the container as well as Len's cabin.

A discussion was had about how to finance this as Robin expressed the urgency for the work to be done expeditiously.

The Board will research banking borrowing methods, if at all possible.

Steven recommends a sub committee to research the possibilities :
Monique, Robin and Mark

After much discussion :

Motion Robin moves The reconstruction of Hill House needs \$35,000 to start.
David seconds

Discussion:

Christine and Monique need more time for a thorough financial analysis

Amended Motion: David moves that \$35,000 be made available subject to review of details by Christine and Monique,
Seconded by Mark, All in favour.

DCC Renewal Committee: David

We are going ahead with Maria Burns' recommendations for engineers to do thorough inspection of the Temple to make their reports.
We have between \$5-6000 from Matt Wright to begin to pay the engineers.

David said we lost out on the " special pricing " with Grant Forward to help our fundraising efforts.
He has a planned meeting with Sara Jo as she has experience doing professional fund raising.

Monique has met with Jim Boyle for the Site Plan.

New Business

Christine reports the HRC (Mark and Robin) are negotiating with Simeon, a professional chef who is very interested in coming to the DCC.
Soon we will consult with Tracy to sort out government regulations.

He can start as a server meditator and later we can decide whether longer term is suitable. (start early July - September and then renegotiate)

Robin has been researching temporary cooks and she has a couple of candidates, Tammy from Bancroft and Bev from Toronto.

Robin says student of Brian McLeod who built beautiful meditation hall for them can come as a server meditator and contribute to the building projects.

Tent going up end of this week. Ethan will help and be paid \$300.

Karen asks Monique if we can set up a monthly contribution to Teachers from the DCC.

Monique says this should be possible ..it could go out in the Newsletter and then it could be set up with E- transfer capability .

Monique and Karen will work further on this.

Cheryl submitted her resignation from the Board due to ongoing family crises. She thanked the the Board for the opportunity to serve the DCC for these past 5 months.

Next Board Meeting

To approve new membership list and prepare for the AGM

May 24th, 1:00pm.

(AGM on May 29th!)

