

SFVS Board Meeting Minutes

07/8/20 Zoom+Barb's 5:30-7:00

Quorum Declared

Minutes Approved

Treasurer's report approved from June

Introduced and welcomed Sloan

Review of bylaws regarding quorum.

The Board needs a minimum of 3 members. Two members is a quorum.

What to post on the SFVS Website?

- Webinars, group offerings, important announcements
- Change these links/update ones that are expired monthly
- Remove cancellations and other outdated materials
- Calendar (no printed calendar—only website and e-blast access)
- Do not post Paypal account names or street addresses on the Website
- Okay to direct people to a flyer for more information
- Sloan, please clean up MailChimp

Add Gayle to e-blast review group. Remove Betty from e-blast review.

Website SSL Certificate now will be renewed yearly. Our new website management provider is more expensive than in the past.

How to handle Zoom links on Website?

- As of mid July, Zoom is requiring that all users use a password and the Waiting Room to accept participants. It is not a choice!
- URL for link will have PW encrypted into it for one-click access

Board Members Leaving

- This was Betty's last day on the board. Thank you Betty for your dedicated service!
- Basia leaves the board in August
- Gayle leaves the board in December

DaeJa Residency Review

DaeJa's first Zoom experience was very positive. She would like SFVS to sponsor her again in June 2021. Most of her attendees were not from Santa Fe. See Gayle's written report for details on the review meeting which was held on July 3 Zoomed with Barbara, DaeJa and Gayle.

Report on Phone Interviews with Sangha Members

Sarah's group was not very interested in going back to the church after the pandemic. Also, not many were interested in zoomed meetings. Her group showed a lot of interest in their KM groups.

Teri's group expressed interest in perhaps every other week Zoom dharma talk. The people who live out of town like the Zoom talks.

Barbara's group stated that they come for the teachers they like but not regularly. Most are Zoomers.

Basia's group expressed strong interest in returning to the church after the danger is past. They like meditating in a group. They look forward to dharmettes or hybrid talks, with teacher present but Zooming out, if we can make that happen at the church.

The question is still what to do with the non-Zoomers: Sandy K, Elizabeth A, Pat D'A, Dominique M, Michael S, Elliot, and probably more. Barbara suggests the sangha hire a "Zoom Assistant" to work with people who need help getting on Zoom. We'll raise this possibility at the sangha meeting Tuesday.

Next Steps Going Forward?

- Should we renew the contract with the FCC after the end of 2020? The decision needs to be made by November 2020.
- Could we rent the church on an as needed basis?
- How often to host a dharma teacher? 2x/month, 1x/month
- Do we want a "hybrid" program, both at the church and on Zoom at the same time
- Teachers, like Marcia Rose, zooming into the church on a big screen.
- Or, sangha members just zooming out to teacher events without meeting together in person?
- How will a smaller board affect what can be offered going forward?
- Is the Sangha becoming a "dispersed" sangha with lots of KM groups but fewer get together in person?
- Will things go back to the way they were after the pandemic is over? Or, is this the new normal?
- Is it just Covid-19, or is the sangha aging out? Dispersing into various smaller sanghas and groups meeting in people's living rooms.
- Is anyone else willing to join the board or volunteer to keep things going?

Planning for July 14 Sangha Meeting

- Some of the above questions can be addressed for more input from the sangha
- Barbara will facilitate the meeting
- Encourage and assist people in starting their own KM groups
- Decision about when (or if) to resume in person at the Church? Board thinks not before next Spring, unless things improve dramatically

- Ask the sangha, Do you want to become a dispersed virtual community?
- What are sangha members willing to do to come back to the Church in person?
- Does the sangha have to meet at the church, or in small groups at people's homes?

Programming

- Brian LeSage's retreat will be Zoomed, not in person
- We need more people able to be Zoom hosts. Teri is willing to learn. Gayle is willing to teach her.
- We will post details of Kim Allen's retreat Aug 2-8 on our website
- Arinna Weisman will be scheduled for a zoom talk on September 15th, maybe other dates
- There will be some dates with no Zoom program

Zoom Hosting next 2 months of Dharma Teachers

- July 14 Sangha meeting (Barbara)
- July 21 Mary Powell's dharma talk (Basia)
- July 28 Community night with Gayle (Gayle)
- August 2-8 Kim Allen Retreat (Kim hosts)
- August 11 Kim Allen (Kim will host this also)
- August 18 Allen Lokas (Barbara)
- August 25? Karen Waconda (who is hosting?)
- September 15 Arinna Weisman (Barbara)

Next Board Meeting: August 19 Wednesday at Teri's at 5:30