

Wet Mountain Sangha Steering Committee Meeting

8/27/07

Attendees: David, Doug, Merrilee, Leticia, Linda, Wendy, Jan, and Tracy

I. Welcome, Check-ins, Additions/Corrections to agenda

Joan will spend the night in Pueblo on September 14. She would like to do work in the room with people Saturday afternoon and evening. David asked who would be willing to do this. Leticia volunteered.

There will be an all day sitting in Colorado Springs on the 16th. There will be carpooling on that day.

David got 2 vertical prayer flags and a Buddhist flag for Change Your Mind Day.

II. Change Your Mind Day

David will be meeting with Marcy Guttman.

Tejas Hemsell needs to come in after 3:00.

Schedule will be determined after this meeting because it is simply logistics.

Committees

Marketing

Tracy will send press releases to The Chronicle News (Trinidad), Daily Record (Canon City).

Will research public radio and other papers to include the Independent and USC-Pueblo Radio.

Event Day

\$115 for the Pavilion and Cottonwoods. This is cheaper than previously stated.

Site Committee Coordinator: Merrilee

There will need to be people at the Nature Center at 8:00 to move picnic tables and clean the pavilion.

Sandy, Doug and Tracy will meet at the Zendo at 8:00am to pick up the cushions, teacher platform, etc. They will be in charge of setting up the cushions.

We will have cushions from the SMS and WMS. We need to label our cushions.

The Nature Center will sort suitable picnic tables and remove unsuitable ones.

Leticia will set up the alter and will bring her wooden Buddha.

David will liaison with SMS about their involvement.

Jan would like to have a short meditation to begin the day together at 8:00am.

Transport materials, equipment, supplies, brooms, rakes, cleaning supplies, electrical cords, awnings, platforms, landscape fabric, cushions, altar, chairs.

Darryl is in charge of parking. Need to place direction signs starting at Pueblo Blvd. Do we need to mark parking lanes? Directing parking: Jan has teenagers to help with this.

PA System: Pat Harper will set up and oversee during the day. The PA system belongs to the Nature Center.

The Nature Center has platform sections, 8" high that can be put together to form a space 8'x14' or 8'x18' at a cost of \$50. It will be ready for us.

Jan will have a place for the teachers. We will take the teachers to the restaurant to eat. We will pick up the tab.

Needs:

We need Saturday morning volunteers.

We need people in charge of making signs and putting them up.

We need a banner made - Leticia will make it. 1' high x ? Out of cloth.

Need a time keeper.

Need volunteers to take everything down.

Need someone to organize the kindred organization table (Kate from UU?)

Contact Kate about chairs (Linda will)

Need signs on the kindred organization tables so that they know which table is theirs.

Need a couple of people to staff the welcome table.

Food Coordinator

Job Assignments for the afternoon

Teacher Liaison - Jan and Tracy

Joan, Sarah, Victoria, and Melissa

Liaison for Marcy Guttman, yoga instructor

Meditation instructors for parallel sessions - Andrew? If anyone wants additional meditation instruction they can pick up their cushions and take them to the chosen area. We will stake tarps to the ground for this.

Watchful eyes for Welcome table. We will have Dana bowl there and want it to be front and center. The WMS information will be there.

Master of Ceremonies: David

Leader for Walking Meditation - Doug

Cantor - William Jeavons or Andrew

Linda stated that if anyone needs reimbursed prior to 9/15, get the receipts to her before 9/13 because she will be out of town.

III. Proposed sabbatical from job for Sarah Bender & WMS role

The Springs Mountain Sangha plans to raise \$15,000 for Sarah to take a sabbatical. Their annual meeting is September 10 and they plan to vote on it at this time. David asked if we thought we should contribute to her sabbatical. He thought that we could write a letter to WMS members recommending private donations to SMS. Tracy thought that the dana given to her during work in the room or other activities would be additional monies for her to live on. Linda recommended paying her \$50 for coming to Pueblo plus additional dana. David thought that increasing dana and speaking with Sarah about her involvement would be a good direction.

The steering committee agreed that recommending private donations and increasing dana is a good way to go.

IV. October Retreat, schedule and accommodations

Merrilee, Wendy, Jan, and Kate are taking vows

Due to changes in the Springs Mountain Sangha, we might want to sponsor a retreat next year.

At the Women's Center at Colorado College.

There is still money for scholarships to the retreat. Feel free to request assistance if you need it.

David offered WMS to assist with the retreat: pick people up at the airport, coordinate the hotel, flowers, food.

They wanted us to coordinate food. There will be two meals each day needed. Cassarole and salad.

Linda will be there Saturday and Sunday. She will bring a cassarole for Saturday and zucchini bread.

Doug has the recipe for Cheesy Rice cassarole. He would be happy to make it.

Leticia will go Friday through Saturday.

Jan will be there the whole week and will bring something for the first part of the week.

Tracy will go Saturday.

Wendy will be there Saturday.

Andrew is registrar. \$350 for entire week and \$60 per day all without accomodations.

V. Recent exciting opportunities for Sangha service project

Meditation room in the Cancer Center at Mary Corwin Hospital for patients. No one is currently using this room and they even have the cushions. Jan recommended that we get more information before

making a decision. David will call Don Abdullah to get this information. Doug offered to contact someone, he will speak with Patty about the space.

VI. Leadership schedule for September and October

September

9/5 (Wed) Jan
9/8 (Sat) Leticia
9/12 (Wed) Doug
9/19 (Wed) Merrilee (Dharma talk)
9/22 (Sat) Jan
9/26 (Wed) Leticia

10/3 (Wed) Doug
10/10 (Wed)
10/13 (Sat)
10/17 (Wed)
10/24 (Wed)
10/27 (Sat)
10/31 (Wed)

Introduction to Meditation 9/20 6pm - 8pm & 9/22 10am - 12noon
Linda will serve on the committee to choose Dharma talks.

VII. Treasury report

\$1000 in the bank account. Rent has been paid.