

# Deep Spring Center

## Board of Directors Meeting

07 APRIL 2019 / 8:00 PM EST / ZOOM

### Attendees

Isabelle Mook-Jodouin, Tana Dean, Roann Altman, Tavis Taylor, Barbara Brodsky, Mary Bruey, Robert Lee

Guests: Anne Karle-Zenith, Pat Polanski

### Aaron's Guidance

My blessings and love to you all. I am Aaron.

Last month somewhere, [in] a teaching, I quoted from T.S Eliot's Waste Land:

April is the cruelest month, breeding  
Lilacs out of the dead

Why is it cruel? It's cruel if you have the expectation that the lilacs will continue to blossom forever. But that's not how lilacs are. Everything arises and passes away. I was looking with Barbara at the tiny crocuses and snowdrops today, and how much- remarked how much courage they had to break through the soil after what has been a particularly frigid winter, and blossom. Can you do less?

Each of you has the ability to bring your own radiance into the world. We do not ask how long that radiance will shine. We give blessing for it today. When each of you who are part of the core of Deep Spring, have the trust in your own radiance to know that it is enough, it is beautiful, it is filled with love, and to bring it forth as part of the ground for Deep Spring Center, then Deep Spring Center is thusly energized, and able to be, also, a beacon of light in the world.

So for each of you, do not think for even a moment that your work and input is irrelevant. Do not think that your light and love are irrelevant. But know that everything that you radiate out has results, very beautiful results in the world. And without your light, all of you, Deep Spring Center could not be the ground of light that it is becoming in the world. I give thanks for you all. And ask you to give thanks, each of you in your own heart, for your own dear self. You are beautiful and I love you. Thank you. I will release the body to Barbara.

### President's Report

#### Action item list from last meeting(s) or for future meetings known to be completed

1. Aaron asked the Board members to do positive manifestation visualization exercise on a daily basis.
2. Tavis to review legal forms
3. ~~Tavis to review Bylaws~~

4. Board members to think about what the DSC Marketplace policy should include.
5. Mary working on which vipassana instruction audio would be best for the website.
6. ~~Tana to double check that dana for Barbara link is included with Evenings with Aaron and other transcripts/videos that get sent out.~~
7. Tavis and Barbara to continue discussing property rights agreement.
8. ~~Barbara to find document on selecting Board members and forward to the Board.~~
9. ~~Tana to send out a request for an additional volunteer for videotaping.~~
10. Bob and Tavis to determine how to pay blog participant's from Ziad's funds as a non profit. Perhaps a grant model.
11. Revisit Vision/Mission: they're backwards: The Mission is to be primary, the wider and more general view: what we do, who we serve, and how we serve them; the Vision provides direction for the future: what we want to become, the problem we are solving for the greater good, and who and what we are inspiring to change.
12. Steiner retreat 2020 Mar 6-8 needs a teacher
13. Monthly team reports to go to both Tana and Isabelle
14. Please change dates to reflect current dates on your reports.

**Audiobooks project:** still being researched by Mary and Tavis. Testing equipment for optimal sound. Details in Smartsheet.

**Tana holiday break:** Tana will have a set paid holiday between Christmas and New Year's.

## Teams

### Current Financial Update

Finances continue to be stable. Retreat expenses estimate \$8,000.

Made some income from Steiner retreat.

Intensive forecasted to generate some income.

**Quickbooks online:** Monthly fee \$30-60. Bob to look into whether there is a non-profit discount.

**Retreat team member's discounts:** general policy is those working at retreat will receive a discount and those that need assistance will talk to Tana about scholarship. Tana will work with Treasurer on scholarships. This year, Nancy will get discount because that was expectation going into position.

### Remembering Wholeness

People reported they're not remembering their message from the Mother. Could suggest they write down the message, as recordings can be affected by the energy of these sessions.

Survey on frequency not needed at this time, will leave frequency of sessions up to Barbara and the Mother.

### Retreats

**Next retreat(s):** Plan formulating to streamline Oakwood, "Vipassana and the Awakened Heart" Oct 6-13. Manager is Nancy Beckman.

Discussion deferred to next meeting.

## **Curriculum Team**

Mary looking for replacement.

**Workshops:** on website.

**2 yr Dharma class:** full and going well.

**Discussion item:** having transcripts of advanced two-year courses be available on a subscription (member) basis rather than being free to anyone.

**Spring intensive for Dharma Path:** May 23-28 at Triple Crane.

**Awakened Heart class:** To be advertised in summer Crazy Wisdom, Wednesdays, Sept-Dec, one of the Evenings with Aaron's nights.

**Healing workshop with Aaron, Yeshua, Father John:** "Helping people to heal themselves and the planet", November 2019.

Discussion deferred to next meeting.

## **Bylaws**

Tavis' review completed, sending to Board for comments.

## **Technology**

Mary focusing on audio and video editing.

Bill Riccobono and David Teare have joined, videotaping.

Recommend a total of 3 on the team for video taping.

Discussion deferred to next meeting.

## **Archives**

Work continuing on new site, aiming to be ready by summer. Theme to match new theme Tana will be using for main site (Divi).

Discussion deferred to next meeting.

## **Marketing**

**Smartsheets:** Volunteer Ziad from Dubai, assisting.

**Blog:** to be funded by Ziad, Janice K. and Bill A. managing.

Podcasts and videos being developed and fine-tuned by Mary

Tana helping with choosing Dharma Journals.

**Copyrights:** Release forms will be ready by May retreat.

**Mailchimp:** pending.

**30th anniversary celebration:** Celebration #1 at end of May DP intensive.

Celebration #2 at Barbara's sept 6, potluck, 6pm.

**Quarterly newsletter:** Colette S. has agreed to do most of the writing.

Tana to take bullet points from last month's agenda and send out request for a volunteer project manager to help with this task.

Discussion deferred to next meeting.

### **Manager**

Website backup to backup.deepspring@gmail.com, \$20/yr.

July fundraising

Discussion deferred to next meeting.

### **SOMA**

Continues to increase, 139 on email list at last count.

Discussion deferred to next meeting.

### **Barbara**

She and Tavis working on property rights.

Discussion deferred to next meeting.

### **Potential new Board members**

Both Pat Polanski and Anne Karle-Zenith were unanimously approved as new Board members.

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12. Isabelle to ensure Google Drive folder for upcoming agenda items is clearly labeled.
13. Isabelle to give access to Pat and Anne to the DSC Board Google Drive.

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## Next Meeting

May 5, 2019, 8 PM Eastern.