

Deep Spring Center

Board of Directors Meeting

20 SEPTEMBER 2020 / 8:00 PM EST / ZOOM

Attendees

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

Aaron's Guidance

We're into a new autumn, a new season. There is so much challenging catalyst in your world today: the pandemic, the politics, the forest fires, and all the environment. So many of you are subtly contracting or not so subtly contracting, but for many of you, just subtly. What are we going to do about it? How do we fix it?

I think it's important for you as the Board to remember, that when you bring something into your heart, and think it, co-create it, energetically, even if there's no written or spoken message, you are the Board of Deep Spring and you have an energetic input into what is picked up when somebody just clicks on the Deep Spring site. They may click on it and immediately feel a sense of ease, if that's what many of you are co-creating in your lives. Remember you are a pass-through for energy. I don't want to say this to you as a burden, "Oh, I have this responsibility, I should do this". Only, you have the power to do this.

This is part of your Board work, part of your Board commitment. If you're going to be a Board member for Deep Spring Center, then there is a commitment to remember light, remember wholeness, so that you don't face the issues of the world like a boxer, but more relaxed.

Visualize the world you want to live in. Visualize a clean atmosphere, visualize a national leadership that is wise and compassionate, and skillful. Hold it in your hearts. I choose. I invite. And invite Deep Spring Center to be a pathway through which that energy can flow out. Together, join me. We invite a world that comes together for the highest good of all sentient beings. A world in which every being is valued and respected. A world in which the Earth itself is valued and respected. And we consecrate the work of Deep Spring Center to support this vision. A slightly different vision statement, but it works.

I've said to you before that the COVID-19 virus cannot flourish in a high vibration. Hatred also cannot flourish in a high vibration. Disrespect of any sentient being, including the Earth, cannot flourish in a high vibration.

No pressure here. Sometimes there's lower vibration, fear, grief, confusion, but as much as possible, please remember when you wake up in the morning, "Today I hold the intention to bring as much love as I can to whatever comes my way". And if you do that, you will succeed. I thank you.

President's Report

- A. Refer to Ongoing Issues in google drive on a regular basis
- B. 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. Board members to put their skillsets into the Google Drive document.
3. Board members to forward any names of suitable sangha members to Bob for new Treasurer position
4. Room for one more board member, 9 max including Barbara (non-voting)
5. Tavis to write semi-annual fundraising letter
6. Barbara to determine which son will take over DSC property in the event of DSC dissolution
7. Tana to connect with Dan Muir to see if he's still involved in COVID-19 response. If not, will inquire re: recording classes for teaching offerings.
8. How to access home if Barbara not available: Discussed and directions on Google Drive.
9. Publishing projects: Tracking file for translation and publishing is in the Task List folder on the Board Google Drive. Barbara intends to write a new forward and epilogue for a new edition of Cosmic Healing. Barbara to connect with the Portuguese translator to identify sections of Cosmic Healing that will not undergo changes to start translation. Barbara to look for copy of Cosmic Healing that Roann edited directly in pencil.

Teams

Current Financial Update

Budget for the July 2020-June 2021 being prepared. Appear to be within expected budget with present projections.

Fundraising

Tavis, and Barbara/Aaron writing fundraising letters to go out in October and November.

New Treasurer

Tana to send out email to Sangha, including that bookkeeping is not to be done by the treasurer, and can be accessed via QuickBooks directly.

Tana to advertise treasurer position on Board page on website as well.

Remembering Wholeness

May 17 session very successful. Today's session had 20 people, ran just over 2 hours.

Very positive response to monthly online RW possibilities.

RW dates listed on website, in emails and newsletter.

Retreat Team

Meditation Workshop: tabled for now, may offer it next month.

Oakwood 2020:

Barbara sending out email invitation to remembering wholeness participants tomorrow.

Pat will be retreat manager, and will flow information out to Zoom hosts.

DSC Event: An event that requires DSC resources, either Tana's time (other than sending out an email) or other DSC resources that DSC pays for. For all DSC events, DSC needs to be included in the donation request.

If event is managed entirely by volunteers/Barbara and not using DSC resources, it is not a DSC event.

Technology Team

Tana to send out document of team members' contact information via Google Drive.

Team leaders to fill out document, including which credentials each team member has for any Deep Spring systems (MailChimp, YouTube, Wordpress etc).

Team Duties

David Teare hosting Dharma Path class

Desja hosting Evenings with Aaron

Mary still editing audio and video

Descriptive Blurb for YouTube: Each video requires a descriptive blurb. A/V team to divvy up the videos, use an agreed upon convention of titling, and provide a blurb. The blurb to then go to the web design team for editing (grammar only). Easiest if the original editor creates the title and blurb since they have already seen the video.

Marketing

Web redesign process going well, outline created, being fleshed out.

Board members to send any website additions to web design team as they reorganize the site.

Logos now with Leslie.

Julian working on Wikipedia entry.

UM fall quarter students to review our technology systems, 1st meeting Wed, Sept 23.

Blog, launched! Words from the Deep Spring.. Posting every 2 week presently. Working on building 6-month backlog of posts then will reassess frequency.

Discussed community engagement, and ways for the community to contribute art, and other offerings to the Deep Spring Site or social media.

Quarterly newsletter: email in August was beautiful.

Zoom Team

Pat putting together a document of tips and processes for hosting Zoom meetings.

Archives Team

Going forward with Omeka.

Manager's Report

On Facebook, post boosting increased our reach by over 8,000 people and our engagement by over 2,000.

Barbara

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2. 3rd year Dharma Path started - 55 people

3. Otter working well for Zoom Meeting

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Next Meeting

October 18, 2020, 8PM Eastern