

Deep Spring Center

Board of Directors Meeting

03 JANUARY 2021 / 8:00 PM EST / ZOOM

Attendees

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

Guest: Julian Dean

Aaron's Guidance

My blessings and love to you, as we open into, not just a new year, but a real shift. Opening up into unimaginable possibilities of spaciousness, of peace, of joy. I said, unimaginable, if you are stuck in 2020. Now you're in 2021, imagine this: a world truly able each to hear others, each to open their hearts to others.

This is part of Deep Spring Center's mission, to help lay the groundwork for such communication, and each holding the others in their heart. Let it be so.

Thank you for your work, that you each do to make this happen. Please remember how many of us are with you in supporting your work. That is all.

Board Membership

The Board voted unanimously to invite Julian to join the Board as treasurer.

Mary Bruey has tendered her resignation as VP effective March 2021.

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. Tavis to collect information on cost of recording audio books as one of the projects.- onhold
 - 3. Board members to put their skillsets into the Google Drive document.
 - 4. Room for 2 more board members, 9 max including Barbara (non-voting), 1 VP officer position.
 - 5. Barbara to determine which son will take over DSC property in the event of DSC dissolution
 - 6. ~~Board members to send any website additions to web design team as they reorganize the site.~~
 - 7. ~~Bob to write out a paragraph explaining RW sessions to invite new people to participate now that it's online.-~~
 - 8. Isabelle to start brainstorming an approach to invite community participation
 - 9. Zoom team to create an outline of the host's responsibilities, how Q&A works, and other helpful tips and put on Google Drive.
- C. Publishing projects being addressed. See google drive **to dos** file, in **task list** folder

Barbara spoke with Portuguese translator recently and answered questions about Cosmic Healing. Portuguese edition of the book is in final editing phase.

Teams

Current Financial Update

Current DSC financial position remains strong.

Tana has been on vacation and December 2020 balance will be reported shortly.

Fundraising

2020 annual fundraising letters went out early December.

Some large donations received.

Need another member on this team, preferably a community member.

Any Board member that has ideas can add notes for fundraising concepts to file on Google Drive.

Remembering Wholeness

Last session was December 20, 2020. Next session is January 10, 2021.

Colette to send email to Barbara and Tana with names of members willing to hold space for sessions.

Retreats

March Beginner's Retreat (formerly Steiner): March 6-7, 2021 (tbc). Barbara to email Dan Muir to see if he can help lead. If Barbara is holding this alone, suggestion to have it be a one-day event on March 6 for beginners and intermediate students.

Retreat team to work with Pat to ensure Zoom hosts for all sessions.

Emerald Isle: Non-DSC Retreat, April 10-17, 2021. Pat to discuss with Emerald Isle registrar to see if DSC's help with Zoom and logistics is needed.

Healing Workshop: January 23-30, 2021. Jan 9 pre-workshop for beginners. Led by Barbara, Tavis, John and Spirit.

Barbara to connect with Tana to see the registration list and determine if there are any beginners registered to assess need for January 9 session.

Curriculum Team

Evenings with Aaron - scheduled through June

Dharma Path - scheduled for this semester, end of the year intensive in June

Technology

As per recommendations from UMSI students, planning to merge the chants and blog channels into the main channel.

Marketing

Web redesign: Progressing well

Board reviewed the proposed new site, and liked it overall.

Requested some changes to the banner image/text combo.

Isabelle to coordinate with Leslie to move blog posts over to new site before it goes live.

UMSI Project: Will review in depth at February meeting.

Board members to come prepared for this discussion.

Blog: Issue arose about verbiage of some of the posts/announcements.

Important not to seem to be holding one tradition above another.

Blog team will pull down the Jesus Lifted Me chant from YouTube and blog post.

Solution: a statement explicitly stating that DSC draws on material from many traditions from around the world, and inviting people to take in what resonates and set aside what doesn't. Final wording to be determined, with Barbara and Aaron doing final editing.

Zoom

Pat and team designing process to set up Zoom hosts, instructions to be placed on Google Drive.

Archives

Same as last month, no new update.

Barbara

1. Barbara to determine which son will take over DSC property in the event of DSC dissolution
2. 3rd year Dharma Path class winter/spring dates on website
3. Channeling, identity of entities is often confusing, especially to new attendees. Would be ideal to have a list of usual spirit guests for people to refer to. Barbara to ask Aaron to talk with his colleagues and provide a short descriptive blurb for those willing to do so.

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Next Meeting

Website redesign meeting (if needed): February 7, 2021, 8PM Eastern

Full Board meeting: February 21, 2021, 8PM Eastern