

Meher Baba Center of the Twin Cities Board Meeting
August 23, 2009

Present were Rogier Gregoier, DJ Johnston, Sandy Schwanz, Pat Cook, Bob and Monica Ochtrup, Karen Plante, Sandra Self and Diana Forsman.

Rogier read the minutes of the May 17th 2009 meeting. There being no objections or suggestions the minutes will be filed as read.

Web Site: Pat reported that he and Krishna have table discussion until the fall.

Davis Taylor: Monica and Bob reported on their visit to Davis and Becky Taylors 100 year old home near Lake Superior in Wisconsin. Taylor is experiencing a good recovery from his hip surgery. Monica agreed to do some editing work on Davis's Sonnets to Avatar Meher Baba. They told us about Davis' "hut" where he does his work and devotes time to remembering Baba. The hut is in fact a very beautifully designed small one-room building with nice floors and heat. The plumbing is provided by God's own mother – Nature. Davis has extended an open invitation to Baba lovers to come for a visit and use the "hut" as their retreat.

Davis and Monica put finishing touches on Davis's sonnets and there are bound editions of 60 of the Sonnets. David made them available for the first ever art crawl in Webster, WI. Bob and Monica shared beautiful pictures of Davis and Becky's property and the hut.

Movie Sundays: It was agreed that the Movie Sundays are a valued event of the MBCTC and will resume on the first Sunday of the month beginning in September and continuing in October and November at the party room at Bob and Monica's. Start time 2:00 PM. All agree with Pat's suggestion that the video called "Meher Baba's Call" would be shown in September.

Sahavas and Special Gatherings: There is a desire to have a Fall Sahavas in 2010. Pat will contact Charles Haynes and Robert Een to determine availability and best times. A venue will be determined later. There was discussion about inviting Tex Hightower to come to the Twin Cities the weekend after Baba's Birthday, Feb 26th to the 28th. Sandy agreed to contact Sally Pearson, who knows Tex, about how best to approach Tex as he is getting older and travel may be more complicated for him.

Future meeting: There being no urgent business it was decided to skip the September meeting. Pat will contact Chris to ask if he and Ratna would agree to move the meeting to October? There will be no meeting in November.

The annual meeting of the MBCTC membership is scheduled for December 12th 2009 and will be held at Diana Forsman home.

Rogier Gregoire tenders his resignation from the board. Rogier shared that as life is unfolding for him, he wants to make room for new an evolving relationship with his Beloved Meher Baba. His resignation was accepted and words of appreciation and affection were expressed by board members for Rogers' service and friendship. An invitation was extended for Rogier to join future meetings as a non-member participant.

It is to be noted that Steve Cochrane made predictable acting out and anti-establishment gestures and others on the board seemed to be aspiring to extend his attitude beyond his lapsed board membership. It remains to be seen whether this has become a part of the permanent fabric of the MBCTC.

There being no further discussion, Bob Ochtrop moved that the meeting be adjourned. Pat mentioned that Bob wasn't a board member and couldn't place a motion on the floor. It appeared that money changed hands somewhere and Bob's motion was quickly accepted by the board chair. Rogier seconded and all approved. (accept Steve, of course, who isn't a board member either. It appears that anarchy is threatening to takeover again in the Twin Cities)

Notes humbly submitted by Diana Forsman and lovingly edited by Pat Cook