

MEHER BABA CENTER OF THE TWIN CITIES
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
February 17, 2008

Sandra Self was the gracious hostess of the February MBCTC Board Meeting on Sunday February 17th. After a lovely breakfast and a leisurely conversation the meeting was called to order at 11:02 AM by president Leah Johnston.

In attendance were Leah Johnston, Bob and Monica Ochtrup, Steve Cochrane, Karen Plante, Betsy Dollar, Pat Cook, DJ Johnston, Sandra Self, and Rogier Gregoire. Diana Forsman and Sandy Schwanz were absent, Sandy was in India.

Monica read the section about the 1958 Sahavas at Meherabad from *82 Family Letters* by Mani since they are celebrating the 50th anniversary of that Sahavas right now.

Leah read the minutes from the January meeting. We revised the section on the Myrtle Beach Initiative to more accurately reflect the discussion. (The minutes were never voted on as revised.) This sparked the idea to send a copy of the minutes to our members. Since we no longer send out a newsletter it would be a nice way to keep members informed. Leah commented that once the website is revised the minutes will be posted on the website. Rogier suggested just e-mailing them at no cost. Pat insisted that hard copy is what we need to reach out to members right now. Pat moves that we send a copy of these minutes to every paid member with a cover letter. Rogier seconds. Discussion ensued. After many points about cost, effectiveness as a communications tool, transparency and inclusion of the organization the question was called and voted upon. The motion failed.

Betsy suggested that perhaps it was time for a small newsletter and offered to help produce it. Pat moved that Leah, Betsy and Karen coordinate a communication piece that will be mailed to our entire mailing list. Betsy seconded and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Bob Ochtrup distributed the Financial Report. We have a very healthy balance of \$3948. We received a bill from Dunrovin. They have been audited by the state and it was determined that they were applying the tax exempt certificates incorrectly and we owed them \$109.77 for 2006 and \$152.41 for 2007. There was an opportunity to contest the bill, but after reading the certificate more closely it appears to be correct. The total of \$262.18 has been paid. We will need to be careful about bids in the future to be sure that they include the appropriate taxes.

Bob also requested approval of the board to research Pinehurst Bank. He is currently unhappy with Twin City Federal and would like to move the accounts. Leah so moved, Pat seconded and the motion carried with Steve's lone nay.

Once accounts are moved the checks will be updated with Pat and Sandy's address. All other paperwork has been filed to update the address. Currently Bob and Pat are cosigners on the account. It was determined that there was no reason to change that now.

Pat moved that the Treasurer's Report be approved as submitted, DJ seconded and all agreed.

Pat moved that we transfer the funds of \$2525 collected by MBCTC for the Avatar Meher Baba Perpetual Public Charitable Trust in accordance with the grant agreement in place since 2006. Steve seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Jagganathan Visit

The visit has been cancelled.

Sahavas

Pascal Kaplan cannot confirm his availability and we need a confirmed guest to move forward with planning. We will keep him in mind for another sahavas. Leah will now pursue Henry Kashouty, Irwin Luck, and Jeff Wolverton. Billy Goodrum remains the musical guest of choice. Although the weekend of October 3rd is available at Dunrovin we will not confirm until we have confirmed our guests.

Announcements

Leah announced that she is changing her name to Thundercloud and would like to be addressed as such. Steve and Karen said that they were also known as Mr. and Mrs. Rainbow Pony. On this rather odd note, the meeting was adjourned at 12:28 PM

Submitted by Betsy Dollar
February 20, 2008