

MEHER BABA CENTER OF THE TWIN CITIES
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
June 22, 2008

The deck, overlooking the lush green garden of Diana Forsman's home, was the site of the June 22nd MBCTC Board Meeting. We enjoyed the sun filtering through the trees and a gentle breeze. After a delicious breakfast of bread pudding and fresh fruit coupled with leisurely conversation the meeting was called to order at 10:35 AM by Vice-President Sandra Self.

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

Monica read a paragraph from this week's on-line chat with Bhau. The focus was that when Baba comes to our level we must tell him our circumstances. "I've come to your level to hear it in your language."

Betsy read the extremely entertaining minutes from the April meeting. Diana moved that the minutes be approved as read, Pat seconded and all agreed.

Treasurer's Report

Bob Ochtrup distributed the Financial Report.

The garage sale raised a total of \$1,165.85. YEAH!! Great Job!

With deposits paid for the Sahavas, we have a healthy balance of \$4,088.

Diana moved that the Treasurer's report be approved as submitted, Sandy seconded and all were in favor. (Without Steve in attendance there isn't any opposition to anything.)

Pat suggested that since we have some money it would be a good time to consider inviting Jeff Wolverton, caretaker at Myrtle Beach and long time Baba lover, as a Great Conversations guest next winter for Amartithi or Baba's birthday. After some discussion about winter, bad weather and concerns about participation, Pat moved to extend an invitation to Jeff Wolverton as our Great conversations guest for either Amartithi or Baba's Birthday, whichever works better for Jeff. We will cover plane fare, lodging and meals. Betsy seconded. Again all were in agreement. Pat will extend the invitation. Diana graciously offered her home as possible lodging for Jeff or other guests as needed. She also suggested that we videotape all our guests as an archive. Apparently this has been tried endlessly with very little success, but all agreed that we should keep trying.

Sahavas

Bob distributed a draft of the flyer for the Sahavas. The cost will be \$165 for the weekend, \$120 without lodging and \$90 for one day. There was some discussion of the waiver/disclaimer required by Dunrovin. There was also a discussion of the growing costs of the Sahavas. We are no longer charging the full cost of the weekend split over the number of participants, we are only charging the room and board. As an organization we are absorbing the remaining costs. It was agreed that everyone should be made aware of this. Bob will re-word the flyer to reflect this information in the hope that those who can pay a bit more will to help defray costs.

Betsy will generate a "Save the Date" post card to go out ASAP. Bob will provide the labels.

Garage Sale

Sandy is retiring as the Garage Sale Walla. *All Hail Sandy for a job superbly done!!*

In the future, we will need to consider a new form of fund raising under the guidance of another.

DVD Series

Tuesday July 1st and July 15th will complete the Lud Dimpfl series. Monica would like to follow that with a showing of Duncan Knolls' film on the 50th Anniversary of the Accident in Prague, OK. Her concern is that it is two hours long. She was encouraged that the length is not a problem, just provide good cookies and all will be happy. She will check to see if she can reserve the room for July 29th for this event. Diana and Betsy offered to bake cookies.

Other thoughts and questions.

The current thought is that another newsletter will be produced in November to invite everyone to the annual meeting and close out the year. Betsy agreed to produce it provided that ALL information is provided in electronic form. NO MORE RE-TYPING!

Apprently the website is not up yet. Pat offered to check-in with Kris about the website and get the Sahavas information posted.

With no further business to attend to, Pat moved that the meeting be adjourned, Diana seconded and all were in favor. Sandra adjourned the meeting at 11:40 AM.

Submitted by Betsy Dollar
June 23, 2008