

**MEHER BABA CENTER OF THE TWIN CITIES
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
November 16, 2008**

It was a cold and gray Sunday morning as the board members arrived at the new home of Sandra Self. However, as we assembled around her kitchen table it did not take long for the light and warmth of the group to fill Sandra's apartment. Her large round table offered the perfect setting for breakfast and conversation. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM by Vice President Sandra Self.

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

Sandra read the minutes of the September meeting. They will be submitted as written.

Treasurer's Report

The Financial Report was distributed with the notes Bob sent in his absence.

There is a concern that the profit from book sales is not being reinvested in books. Is that our intention? We will follow-up with Bob at the next meeting. Rogier moved and Pat seconded that the report be approved as submitted. All agreed.

Sahavas Wrap-Up

The Sahavas was a success. It was enjoyed by all. Carol Kovalevych from Chicago encouraged us (via Pat) to hold another Sahavas like the one at Dunrovin. Since their center has disbanded they can no longer organize a Sahavas of their own.

We had discussed doing a smaller Sahavas to bring down the costs. We still have reserves, so doing a bigger event remains within our capacity. However, group size and resources are contracting. We should think about different, more cost effective formats that will meet our spiritual and physical needs. Bhau's recent e-mail referred to a Sahavas that cost no money, a moveable feast of sorts.

Ideas: consider fund-raising ideas and auction formats, hold off for a year by doing a small local event and a larger event in 2010. Pat moved that we postpone a retreat style Sahavas for one year and have a community based "moveable feast" in 2009. Karen seconded and all were in favor.

Pat will follow-up with Carol for 2010.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting is coming up on December 13th at the Summit Townhomes in Burnsville. Betsy will send out an e-mail reminder/invitation. This will be a Pot Luck.

We need to create a slate of officers to present. The following current board members volunteered to continue on the board in the following capacities: Pat Cook, president; Sandra Self, Vice President, Betsy Dollar, secretary; Sandy Schwanz, treasurer; Karen Plante and Rogier Gregoire, members at large. Diana, DJ and Steve need to be contacted to see whether they are interested in continuing on the board. We would like two more board members, the call will go out at the Annual Meeting.

Tasks:

Betsy will send an e-mail reminder.

Karen will do an invitation with slate and agenda

Betsy will contact DJ regarding the use of the DVD player at the Summit Townhomes.

Old Business:

Diana needs to talk directly with Leah to get clarification as to whether the books should be mailed to India or not.

The website group is working on photo choices and copyright permission. Betsy will start on the graphic design soon.

New Business:

Jeff Wolverton will be here for Amartithi. He gets in late on Friday night, he will stay with Pat and Sandy. We will meet all day Saturday and on Sunday morning. He leaves at 4 on Sunday afternoon. We need to discuss other logistics at the annual meeting.

Karen and Betsy will assemble another newsletter after the first of the year.

Sandra thanked everyone for coming and blessing her new home with Baba energy. She adjourned the meeting at 11:45 AM.

The meeting then dispersed.

Submitted by Betsy Dollar
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