

MEHER BABA CENTER OF THE TWIN CITIES
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
September 21, 2008

Once again the members of the Board of the Meher Baba Center of the Twin Cities found themselves on the deck of Diana Forsman's home enjoying the perfect weather that can only come in the early Fall in Minnesota. The sun shone brightly on the magnificent garden as we enjoyed fresh fruits and rich baked goods. After congenial conversation over our lovely repast, the meeting was called to order at 10:48 AM by Pat Cook as a stand-in for our absent officers.

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

Pat asked that we observe thirty seconds of silence to center the group. Diana read the magnificent minutes of the July meeting. She was the perfect choice as only she could find the perfect cadence to read the eloquent use of adapted prose from the Tempest by William Shakespeare. Pat requested that the minutes be corrected to reflect the fact that he was not present, a reality he deeply regretted since learning that Will graced our meeting with his attendance. It was decided among the board members that Shakespeare was in fact a perfect master. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Without Leah's keen eye we were unable to determine the presence of any other great spirits, so we moved on to regular business.

Treasurer's Report

Bob Ochtrup distributed the Financial Report.

The available cash is down since we have paid a deposit to Dunrovin and we have \$1,365 in receivables for the Sahavas. Otherwise all is in order. Diana moved that the report be approved as submitted, DJ seconded. All voted in favor except for Steve. his nay vote was simply for effect.

Sahavas

We have 28 adults and one child registered to stay for the full Sahavas. We will have plenty of room since we will have the whole main building. The other groups will all be in out buildings on the property. More are registered to attend just on Saturday.

Logistics:

Monica will bring a table for the Sadra that is being brought from Chicago.

Karen will bring a shawl to go over the table for the Sadra.

Karen will bring the photo that belongs to the group.

Pat will bring a large photo, garland and Tomb cloths.

Diana is in charge of snacks and drinks. She will also bring flowers from the garden.

There was a debate over water, water bottles and recycling. Diana will purchase 100 bottles of water. We will bring bags to ensure recycling of the bottles.

The schedule and agenda for the Sahavas was approved.

Steve asked for a clarification of the directions to Dunrovin. It was determined that the turn off is 8.5 miles from town to the turn off.

Leah had requested some suggestions for readings. There was general agreement that Bhau's letter should be read. Monica said that she had some additional ideas for readings that she would pass on to Leah.

We thought we had covered all the business at hand. Karin moved that the meeting be adjourned, DJ seconded and all were in favor. Pat adjourned the meeting at 11:45 AM.

Then Diana asked about the books that she had taken from the library to be sent to India. The request was for original text without English of Upasani Maharaj. It turns out that all our text has English translations. Should we still send it? It was decided that Diana would hold off until she consults with Leah.

The meeting then dispersed.

Submitted by Betsy Dollar
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