

# Meeting Minutes

<b>Meeting Title</b>	Shambhala Board
<b>Date/Time Start</b>	Sep 16, 2020 at 6:00 PM
<b>Date/Time Stop</b>	Sep 16, 2020 at 7:45 PM
<b>Location</b>	Zoom
<b>Attendees</b>	Dylan Bianchi, John Ranco, Judy Vreeland, Kate King, Mary Lang, Max Roberts-Zirker
<b>Minutes by</b>	Judy Vreeland

## Item Notes

### Dates for meetings through Shambhala Day

Wednesdays, 6-7:45

Oct 14

Nov 11

Dec 9

January 13

### Finance and facilities update

#### FACILITIES

Heating and AC upstairs are functioning

Have heat but no AC downstairs

System that cools downstairs may need to be replaced; will investigate other options

One working toilet in each restroom; one in each had to be turned off due to a leak. Currently exploring options for repair/replacement, but will only be using one toilet in each for a while anyway as a COVID precaution.

#### FINANCES

Loans (one of which will not need to be paid back), donations, and programming have allowed finances to remain steady. For more details on programming, see the programming updates in these minutes. Projection for end of year is for an almost \$5,000 surplus.

### Fundraising/Harvest of Peace

HARVEST OF PEACE, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, SCHEDULE

10-11:30 - Morning practice

This will be primarily online, with a few people at the center

4-5:30 - Afternoon talk and fundraising

We hope to raise at least \$5,000 to keep us on track for a small end of year surplus

### Contingency plan checklist/global services

We are expecting a survey from global services that is being sent to all centers seeking input on what centers hope to see going forward.

The current term of the GS board runs through October; it is unknown if the Sakyong will seek to resume any secular authority after that.

The board reviewed our center's connections to Shambhala global for clarity on what would need to be done if we considered separating from Shambhala global services. There is currently no plan to do that, but it is important to know the steps we would need to take should Shambhala move in a direction we cannot support.

### Reopening the center

Tabled. To be addressed further through email.

### **Stakeholder conversations?/community building**

Tabled

### **Racial justice work**

Original group to gather and discuss next steps

Grant - Dylan will check in as he didn't get confirmation of receipt

### **Programming updates**

Friday night talks have been well attended and have generated modest, but steady, income for the center.

Adam Lobel will give a talk at the end of October as we near a critical national election.

A new way to offer Level 1:

Level 1 will be offered on 6 Wednesday nights - starting October 28, with a Thanksgiving break

Newcomers will still be able to walk in and participate in sittings and talks, but those registered for Level 1 will have additional requirements.

### **Accountability**

All teachers will need to sign the new code of conduct.

Mary will determine the process for that; Kate and Dylan will then work on it.