

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Title	Shambhala Board
Date/Time Start	Oct 14, 2020 at 6:00 PM
Date/Time Stop	Oct 14, 2020 at 7:45 PM
Location	Zoom
Attendees	Dylan Bianchi, John Ranco, Judy Vreeland, Kate King, Mary Lang, Max Roberts-Zirker
Minutes by	Judy Vreeland

Item Notes

Reflecting on mission

Took a moment to reread and reflect on the mission and to share a positive story regarding the center's impact.

New format - consent agenda

Agreed to use consent agenda model - reviewing routine items in advance - to allow more meeting time for in-depth discussions of critical issues relevant to the direction of the center.

Lineage course

A course on the Shambhala lineage being offered by Shambhala online has been proposed by several members.

It was agreed that these members could select tentative dates starting in late January to begin a course using this online material.

In the meantime, several members of the board will take the course to understand its contents.

The board and these members will then meet to discuss.

Long term - the board should work on developing a more formal comprehensive process for program proposals.

Racial justice work

Next step - Judy will look for a date to reconvene community members to discuss the work done thus far - a book group, a podcast discussion, a white caucus, a movie viewing/discussion, and discussion of a pre-recorded talk.

What next?

How do we expand our social justice education and move toward community action?

Max shared information about a relevant webinar being offered by the Adaway Group. Several of us plan to register.

We have not yet received word regarding the grant proposal for support on social justice work.

Recent calls with international board

Max joined an informational call with the international board:

International is partnering with The People's Counseling Clinic. They offer a hotline to identify resources and provide a therapy subsidy to those who have been harmed.

The board is working on a code of conduct policy to be shared on Shambhala Day that will have more detail than what has been shared thus far.

There was suggestion that they are working on a new governance structure; unclear if/when it will be ready to be shared.

Max, Dylan and Judy joined a call with representatives of the international board and a leader from the New York center:

This was a follow up to a survey. Questions focused on key issues and concerns for the centers, areas of broad agreement, and what center leaders hope to see going forward. Similar interviews are being conducted with other regions. The interview was recorded and will be viewed by other members of the international board.