

Members present: Jens, Colleen, Trygve, Brad, Bob E., Tera, Derek, Jennifer

Special guests: Lute and Shirley Jane

President Jens calls meeting to order at 6:37 pm

Opening Words: provided by Derek, from a Peruvian Shaman don Oscar Miro-Quesada about sacred relationships a narrative overview of purpose a method to heal the world through community and connection to the earth.

Secretary's Report accepted with one minor correction, (Grow to Share was not housed in the apartment building where Shirley Jane's studio was). Trygve accepted and Brad seconded.

Minister's Report: Trygve accepts and Brad seconds

Reverend Derek is considering offering a special message to the children at the start of his talks when children are present. He will provide the subject of his topics two weeks prior to service to allow time for publication. Soul Tribe book study and soup will continue even after book has concluded to offer folks a regular opportunity for fellowship and conversation.

Monday evenings 6:30 -8pm.

Treasurer's Report: Due to financial shortfall Board members met with Rev Derek to discuss possibility of his taking a sabbatical for personal study and to alleviate some of the financial hardship. A mutually acceptable arrangement has been agreed to.

Shirley Jane and Lute presented their SE/Community Building Task Force Remodeling/Usage Recommendations report.

Remodeling the building would be for the following potential uses:

1. SE on Sunday and the Young Rivendell Group
2. Group Meeting and Retreat space-meditation, drumming, singing, dance, yoga classes
3. Pot lucks and community meals.
4. Parties
5. Kids classes.
6. performance/practice area
7. General healing activities
8. Events that raise funds, art classes

Thus far they have removed carpet and cleaned mold with baking soda, and they would like to sand and paint the floor to hasten use. They request permission and assistance with inventorying and removing items from second room, with rewiring building, replacing heating, adding an exhaust fan. In the future they would like to have a composting toilet or portopotty, which Shirley Jane is willing to help pay for, and would like a deck and for the building to be weatherized for winter. The board informed Shirley that ADA considerations must be made regarding a restroom. Shirley Jane also inquired about possibility of camping on the property, and was told to call the fire department to inquire about camping and also to ask Elizabeth about whether she carries insurance for Grow to Share

Meeting Adjourned

- The Finance Committee met with Rev Derek to discuss a significant shortfall in current budget and in the budget for the coming year. They offered some ideas on how to minimize the shortfall and asked Rev. Derek's thoughts as to their ideas. Rev. Derek used this opportunity to share with the Finance, and then the whole Board, his desire to take a sabbatical of 6 months to a year. He explained that it would be a non-paid sabbatical and would allow him to pursue learning the spirituality of indigenous, shamanic cultures. It would also allow the Society to strengthen its resources and finances. The Finance Committee was open and supportive for Rev. Derek's thoughts, and invited him to share these ideas with the Board, which he did. The Board asked Derek to provide them with some thoughts as to timing and how he might proceed with beginning a sabbatical time, and to present these to the Board. -