
Portland Friends of the Dhamma Annual Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2018

At 1404 SE 25th Ave, Portland, OR

Directors Present: Sakula (Spiritual Director), Greg Satir (Chair), Charla Chamberlain, Kristen Saxton, Stephanie Allderdice

Officers Present: Tena Hoke (Secretary), Alistair Williamson (Vice Chair), Bonnie Wilson (Treasurer)

Community Members Present: Adrienne, Charles, Jane, Matthew Grad, Mary, Steve, Nate, Christine, Amanda 1, Robin, Jeff, Amanda 2, Chad, Guy, Ted, Tristan, Patty, Margaret, Jeannette, Cynthia, Amy, Jessica Swanson

Prior to the official beginning of the meeting, the children presented hand-colored posters highlighting key achievements from the past year.

The meeting began at 12:30 p.m. with a brief meditation led by Sakula.

Alistair introduced the agenda and explained that Board & Officer elections would take place at the May Board meeting (open to all).

There was a question and answer period for Finance, based on the information presented prior to the meeting and in the agenda. The history of buying and financing the building was described. There were several questions about the mortgage and options for refinancing. PFOD's historical approach to fundraising, and current fundraising programs, were reviewed.

There was a question and answer period regarding Programming. The various PFOD programs were summarized: hosting monks and guest teachers, Friday night Investigations, Sunday Sila, Children's Program, Monday Reflections, Classes (such as Introduction to Meditation, the Buddha's Basic Teachings, Upasika Training, Metta, etc. – usually offered Monday, possibly moving to Saturday) and the Tuesday Book Group. Sakula explained that for new programming ideas to be implemented, additional assistance would need to become available (i.e. the people doing the work to make things happen have no additional bandwidth) and would be most welcome.

Robin Donovan briefly described the three-year planning process with which she is assisting the PFOD Board, and she invited attendees to provide input to the planning process by responding to a survey on their mobile phones (with laptops provided for those without smart phones).

The benefits of volunteering were presented by the following people with respect to these specific open positions: Tena – Board Secretary, Kristen – Rental Coordinator, Kristen – Building Committee Chair, and Jeannette – Treasurer's Assistant. Patty described the Kitchen & Tea Lead position, which she continues to fill, but for which she needs additional volunteer help.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m. following a short meditation.

