

Minutes Nov. 20/10

In attendance: Shelly & John Hilditch, Linda Chan, Margo McLoughlin, Brock Brown, Lynne Walker, June Fukushima, Beth Trotter, Carmie Verdone, Marion Irish, Joan Glover, John Westover (mediator)

Facilitator: John Westover

Hosts: Shelly & John

Secretary: Carmie

Sit: 10 mins.

AGENDA ITEMS	ACTION
1. Brief check-in	
2. Reflections on VVC process from previous mediated session: a) from John b) from group members	
3. Approve previous (Sept. 12/10) minutes	Approved
4. Brief update on Arinna Weisman's talk: Beth Arinna's topic will be: working with ourselves; working with community; building relationships across differences.	Marion and Carmie volunteered to help Beth set up the facility.
5. Financial update: Joan - the bank balance as of Nov 6/10 was \$7194.54 - recent event costs/income: : Oct 30/ 31 retreat(J Broatch)-net cost \$116 : guest speakers (J. Baraz, A. Weisman) -net cost(so far) 338.84 : study group/Sunday sits-net income \$210.25	
6. Approve yoga studio rental rate increase (from \$50 to \$53 per 2 hr. session retroactive to Oct. 1/10) : Brock	Approved
7. Approve proposal to direct dana from Christine Rougeau's presentation/sit Dec. 5/10 to Tenzin Palmo's nunnery in India: Brock	Approved Linda will put notices of the talk in VVC email-out.

8. Proposed new structure for VVC:

Brock

- Brock said that it seemed clear from talking with people that a smaller organizing group would work better

- Brock proposed an interim group of 5 people that would be the decision-making group including John Hilditch, Rod House, Joan Glover, Joyce Elliot and himself.

- Brock was clear about the intention of creating a structure that would move VVC towards becoming a registered non-profit organization.

- the discussion included:

- defining who is a VVC member and can therefore go to General Meetings
- about which decisions are made by members and which by the Council
- more frequent meetings of VVC members, perhaps 3X per year
- that anyone would be able to contact a person on the Council
- that Council meetings be open to anyone presenting information
- that meeting minutes be available to VVC members on the website and that something can be set up so that members can receive minutes through an email-out if requested
- the Scholarship Committee is dissolved with the new structure in place and the Council will decide what to do with the funds
- that a General Meeting be held in early 2011 to inform VVC of the new structure and to give an informed recommendation of incorporating
- discussion with regard to other major decisions the Council can make

Implement: to create a Council with specific members, to have this Council be responsible for business decisions (as was done by the UG which ceases to exist as of the end of the meeting), and to make a decision about registering as a non-profit

<p>concerned the Council needing and wanting to be accountable to its members, prior to there being a definition of membership.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • many expressed trust in the Council to come up with definitions and mechanisms to have the usual checks and balances inherent in a democratic organization • there was a desire for the Council to fully consider why VVC should or should not become a non profit before making its decision. <p>-Brock proposed that the group be entrusted with:</p> <p>a) the regular business of VVC, eg. retreats, finances, etc. and</p> <p>b) the decision to incorporate or not, whatever best meets the needs of VVC.</p>	<p>Both a) and b) endorsed .</p>
<p>9. Clearing process: Beth Beth distributed handouts of, and spoke briefly about the clearing process from the Diamond Approach work, for future reference in being with difficult issues.</p>	
<p>10. Acknowledgements of Umbrella Group Members:</p> <p>- John Westover talked of the huge shift in the structure of VVC, that as of this meeting, the Umbrella Group which has brought us to this moment, is dissolved.</p> <p>John H. wanted that we acknowledge all of the people, ourselves included, who have been involved in the founding and working of VVC.</p>	<p>June and Linda will organize a social event at Green Cuisine for all Umbrella Group members and partners/spouses. Beth asked and was unanimously supported to buy a gift for Sally in gratitude for all her years of work for the Umbrella Group.</p>