

**Yoga Society of New York, Inc.**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Saturday, March 16th, 2013**

**Trustees Present:** Carol Rollinger (Kiranavali), Margaret Dillsaver (Purnima), Scott Moss (Kamala Kanta), Tara Federman

**Trustees Present electronically on GoTo Meetings:** Linz Stroh (Nandini), Eve Kudler (Prajna), Donna Carlisi

**Others Present:** Bharati Balmes, Dick Bruns, John Sekora

**Others Present on GoTo Meetings:** Bernie Davis

**I. Welcome and Meditation:**

Kiranavali read from Guruji's writing: ....do not waste time negating others and see every man as he is in Reality: "The Light of Consciousness, I AM." A meditation followed.

**II. Minutes:**

Minutes from the February 16, 2013 Board meeting were reviewed and will be approved next month once corrections are made.

**II. Financial Report:**

There was discussion on negotiating the final attorney fees for the lawsuit. In addition, there was discussion on tithing electronically via our Ashram website. This idea will be included on the April 13, 2013 Membership Meeting Agenda.

The treasurer indicated that we are in a better financial position than we were this time last year. Discussion continued about possibly using a different utility provider who charges less money to decrease utilities cost.

The financial report was approved.

**IV. Committee Reports:**

**1. PPC**

The website and the PPC Calendar will be updated soon for May and June. The Silent Retreat will be led by ashram teachers, with Joan involved on Saturday.

**2. HRC**

The HRC meets with department heads each week. The Kitchen Budget was discussed. Bonnie is working with Hanuman and kitchen is **under** budget. Staff for the Spring season including additional kitchen and housekeeping help are being interviewed.

**3. Buildings and Grounds**

There was a full report on projects needing to be done.

**V. Resolutions:**

- 1) **Whereas**, our attorneys, Cohen, LaBarbera & Landrigan, LLP, have presented us with an invoice dated March 6, 2013, with a current balance due of \$8,210, and they are requesting payment of \$2,500, on account, now

**Be it Resolved**, that the YSNY approve payment of \$2500 to our attorneys, Cohen, LaBarbera & Landrigan, LLP.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Disqualified Person/ Conflict of Interest 0

- 2) **Whereas**, our insurance company has offered \$20,829 settlement to cover our Storm Sandy damages, and

**Whereas**, an independent adjuster has reviewed the claim, as a courtesy and confirmed that this settlement is proper, now

**Be it Resolved**, that we accept our insurance company's offer of settlement in the sum of \$20,829 in satisfaction of our claim for damages caused by Storm Sandy under our insurance policy.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Disqualified Person/ Conflict of Interest 0

*Tabled until the next meeting:*

- 3) **Whereas**, the Buildings and Grounds Committee recommends purchasing a snow blower, and

Whereas, Cornwall Equipment Supply has a 28" model on sale for \$999, with time payments, now

**Be it Resolved**, that the Board approves the purchase of the 28" snow blower from Cornwall Equipment for the sum of \$ 999.00 to be paid off by a retail installment agreement with monthly payments at 0 percent interest rate. John Sekora shall have the power to negotiate the agreement and arrange for the same, and any officer shall have the power to sign the contract to purchase as well as to sign the retail installment agreement.

Yes    No    Abstain    Disqualified Person/ Conflict of Interest   

- 4) **Whereas**, the Cottage is experiencing electrical difficulties (brown outs), and

**Whereas**, the BBPT has agreed to cover up to 50% of the cost not to exceed \$1,140, now

**Be it Resolved**, that the YSNY agrees to hire and retain a licensed electrical contractor to perform certain electrical work at the Cottage, at a cost not to exceed \$2,800. Buildings and Grounds Committee is authorized to choose the electrician and Purnima is authorized to enter into an agreement only after receiving proper verification that the BBPT shall pay 50% or \$1140, whichever amount is less, and Purnima shall further report to the Board at each meeting until the same has been completed.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Disqualified Person/ Conflict of Interest 0

**Closing Meditation**

Announcements

Membership Meeting: April 13, 2013 at 2 pm in the Blue Sky Center

Board Meeting: April 13 at 3 pm in the Blue Sky Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Federman, Secretary

Board of Trustees

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