**Yoga Society of New York, Inc.**

**Board Meeting Minutes -approved**

**Saturday, January 10, 2015**

**Blue Sky Center, Time: 2:00 pm**

**Trustees Present:** Carol Rollinger **(**Kiranavali), Dr. Scott Moss (Kamala Kanta), Margaret Dillsaver (Purnima), Donna Carlisi, Sarasvati (Silvia Donates)

**Other Trustees present electronically**: Eve Kudler (Prajna), Lindsay Stroh (Nandini), Tara Federman

**Others Present:** Kim Lesley

1. Welcome and Meditation
2. Minutes
   1. December 13, 2014 minutes were discussed and approved
3. Committee Reports
   1. Buildings and Grounds
      1. All is going well with Panini Annex
      2. Working on the window purchases
      3. Keeping up with the winter weather
         1. New ditch in front of the Shanti-Sadanam is working well as a temporary solution, but may require more extensive work in the future
   2. HRC
      1. Hanuman has moved on from Ananda after many years of appreciated work, music and devotion
      2. Good staff meeting this week
      3. Tejas did a training for staff for the Intranet
   3. Digital Media
      1. Gathering all emails and passwords
      2. Documenting all web presences
      3. We will move forward now with final purchases for remote meetings
      4. Update with our Ananda Intranet
         1. Appreciation of quality of build by Tejas
         2. Mini Demo of application and its use by board members is planned
   4. Conservation Committee
      1. FYI: NYS banned fracking
      2. Powerpoint being prepared for us by Walter Elyon
   5. Membership Committee
      1. **Membership has increased as compared to last year at this time**
4. Miscellaneous
   1. Sarasvati will put together the list of all of the Committees, their members and the contact information for each Chairperson.
   2. Sarasvati will be in touch with each Committee Chair to ask that the purposes and duties of each Committee be determined and written.  She will then compile this information on behalf of the Trustees.
5. Financials
   1. Good News
      1. A/P Aging Summary Total 1/09/15 is $15, 714. Same date one year ago was $29,000.
      2. Cottage Porch Subaccount in Restricted total is $21,436.
      3. The previous year comparison of December 2014 and 2013 Net Income shows an increase of approximately $6000.
      4. Fiscal year (Oct-Dec 2014 shows the YSNY is up by approx. $5000. Fiscal year (Oct-Dec 2013 shows down by approx. $6100. This is a positive change of $11,000.
   2. Good News and Not So Good News:
      1. Jan.9, 2015 Winter Reserve shows $21,741. Jan. 9, 2014 shows $13,000. However there were also $13.000 in Board Discretionary totaling $26,000.
      2. Panini Annex is almost completed for C of O purposes. Panini Annex Subaccount Restricted shows $946. There are insufficient funds for upgrading the heating units in the yoga studio.
   3. Summary
      1. All in all, the above news is cause for a positive future for the YSNY.
   4. 990 Report
      1. A copy of 990 was reviewed by all trustees present, changes were made as suggested by Purnima and Kiranavali will sign it
   5. Audit
      1. Prepared by our CPA and sent to all Trustees via mail who now have copies of the financial statement
         1. Valerie Jashi our auditor gave very positive feedback on our practices and all involved
         2. A few recommendations to discuss later
            1. Background checks on ALL staff
            2. Cameras in reception office near cash flow etc.
            3. Gift shop office open after hours allows unsecure traffic
            4. Eve will ask Valerie for the final audit report so Nandini can post it on the Intranet
   6. Financials were approved as presented after discussion
6. Resolutions
7. Whereas, the Board of the Yoga Society of New York, reinstated the following committees for the year 2015 at the December 13th, 2014 Board Meeting: Executive Committee, HRC/Management Committee, Buildings and Grounds Committee, Program Planning Committee, Shrine Committee, Technology Committee (Digital Media Committee, renamed), Sacred Settings Committee and Energy Conservation Committee, and

Whereas, the Board wishes to name the chairperson and committee members for each committee, now be it

Resolved, that the Executive Committee will be:

Kiranavali (Carol) Rollinger chairperson

Scott (Kamala Kanta) Moss

Nandini (Lindsay) Stroh

Donna Carlisi

Sarasvati (Silvia) Donates

Purnima (Margaret) Dillsaver

Radha (Anne) Gaines

Yes\_8\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_\_Abstain\_\_\_\_\_\_Disqualified Person/Conflict of Interest\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Resolved, that the Human Resources Committee (HRC)/Management Committee will be made up of the following members:

Scott (Kamala Kanta) Moss, chairperson

Karuna (Arlene) Washburn

Kiranavali (Carol) Rollinger, advisor

Karen Monteverdi, assistant

Yes\_8\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_\_Abstain\_\_\_\_\_\_Disqualified Person/Conflict of Interest\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Resolved, that the Program Planning Committee will be made up of the following members:

Bharati E. Balmes, chairperson

Jennifer Schmid-Fareed

Nikki Ben-David

Yes\_8\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_\_Abstain\_\_\_\_\_\_Disqualified Person/Conflict of Interest\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Resolved, that the Buildings and Grounds Committee will be made up of the following members:

Donna Carlisi, chairperson

John Sekora

Purnima (Margaret) Dillsaver

Kamala Kanta (Scott) Moss

Yes\_\_8\_\_No\_\_\_\_\_Abstain\_\_\_\_\_\_Disqualified Person/Conflict of Interest\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Resolved, that the Shrine Committee will be made up of the following members:

Bharati E. Balmes, chairperson

Kiranavali (Carol) Rollinger

Radha (Anne) Gaines

Ma Bhaskarananda

Satyanarayana Charka

Purnima (Margaret) Dillsaver

George Bailin, advisor

George Leone, advisor

Tara Federman, Advisor

Yes\_\_8\_\_No\_\_\_\_\_Abstain\_\_\_\_\_\_Disqualified Person/Conflict of Interest\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Resolved, that the Sacred Settings Committee (SSC) will be made up of the following members:

Sarasvati (Silvia) Donates, chairperson

Purnima (Margaret) Dillsaver

Nandini (Lindsay) Stroh

Bharati (Elizabeth) Balmes, advisor

Yes\_\_8\_\_No\_\_\_\_\_Abstain\_\_\_\_\_\_Disqualified Person/Conflict of Interest\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Resolved, that the Technology Committee will be renamed the Digital Media Committee and will be made up of the following members:

Nandini (Lindsay) Stroh, chairperson

Tejas (Sean) Monteverdi

Scott (Kamala Kanta) Moss

Dinesha Barber

Selina Rossi

Mahesha (Hal) Bosbyshell

Yes\_8\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_\_Abstain\_\_\_\_\_\_Disqualified Person/Conflict of Interest\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Resolved, that the Energy Conservation Committee will be made up of the following members:

Donna Carlisi, chairperson

Walter Elyon

Jennifer Schmid-Fareed

Selina Rossi

Nick Gualtieri

Yes\_\_8\_\_No\_\_\_\_\_Abstain\_\_\_\_\_\_Disqualified Person/Conflict of Interest\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Whereas, the Board of the Yoga Society of New York has had a Membership Committee in the past and wishes to reinstate the Committee and its members, now be it

Resolved, that the Membership Committee is reinstated with the following members:

Sarasvati (Silvia) Donates, chairperson

Nandini (Lindsay) Stroh

Karuna (Arlene) Washburn

Purnima (Margaret) Dillsaver

Karen Monteverdi

Ambika (Alisa) Trumpele-Gletsos

Scott (Kamala Kanta) Moss

Yes\_8\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_\_Abstain\_\_\_\_\_\_Disqualified Person/Conflict of Interest\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Whereas, an informal meeting was held on Saturday, December 20, 2014 to discuss development that includes grants, donors, collaboration and understanding with similar nonprofits, now be it

Resolved, that a committee called the Development Steering Committee will be formed with the following members:

Scott (Kamala Kanta) Moss, Chairperson

Kiranavali (Carol) Rollinger

Karen Monteverdi

Selina Rossi

Billy Gopeesingh

Raman Vashista

Jennifer Schmid-Fareed

Shanna Barney

The purpose of the committee is to discuss and implement development that includes grants, donors, collaboration and understanding with similar non-profit organizations in support and alignment with our organizational goals and to further enhance the purposes of the Yoga Society of New York, Inc. The activities of the Committee will be reported to the Yoga Society of New York Board of Trustees.

Yes\_8\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_\_Abstain\_\_\_\_\_\_Disqualified Person/Conflict of Interest\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Whereas, the Development Steering Committee in researching grants has recognized the value of collaboration with other like- minded organizations to share knowledge and the exchange of ideas in supporting our core values as a spiritual education center, now be it

Resolved, that the committee is authorized by the Board of the YSNY to implement grant writing, develop and implement marketing plans with YSNY Board approval, solicit donors and collaborate with other similar non-profits and organizations. Any written communications, such as Memorandum of Understanding, will be internally reviewed by Scott Moss and Kiranavali before being externally released. The activities of the committee shall be reported to the YSNY Board of Trustees.

Yes\_8\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_\_Abstain\_\_\_\_\_\_Disqualified Person/Conflict of Interest\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Closing Meditation

Respectfully submitted by:

Nandini Lindsay Stroh

Board Secretary