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

**Board Meeting Minutes (approved)**

**Saturday, August 15, 2015**

**Blue Sky Center, Time: 2:00 pm**

Present: Carol Rollinger (Kiranavali), Margaret Dillsaver (Purnima), Anne L. Gaines (Radha)

Present Electronically: Eve Kudler (Prajna), Bruce Bulkin (Shantananda), Scott Moss (Kamala Kanta)

Also Present: Bharati Balmes

**1. Welcome & Meditation**

# Minutes

a) The YSNY minutes of June 13, 2015; July 11, 2015; & the Special Board Meeting Minutes of July 28, 2015 will be reviewed and passed at the September Board meeting.

# Financials

1. The following Financial reports were emailed to Board members: Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss Comparison to Date, Profit & Loss Comparison for July, AP Aging Summary, & Restricted Contributions.
2. Aspects of the reports were discussed. Eve is disappointed with the July income. Usually we are able to pay off all of our bills by end of July.
3. Eve suggests that we create a paid position for Fundraising for Capital Projects.
4. Membership income is higher than it ever has been.

# Committee Reports

1. **Program Planning -** Jivamukti has not confirmed yet for Thanksgiving. Jennifer hopes to start putting more time in on rentals as her position in the office ends. Tom Kelley is returning as a rental (connected to Tom Monte). Shyam Das Kirtan Retreat is expected to be a big weekend. October & November are the primary fall rental months.
2. **Building & Grounds** - The ad for a maintenance handyman was placed on Craigslist this past week which resulted in only 1 possible candidate. The Cottage Porch project should be finished by Labor Day. Kiranavali recently gave an additional $1,000 for finishing the upstairs porch room, the cost of which was not part of the original project. Some changes were made to the plans adding a $1,000 additional expense which is being covered by Jim Hillers.
3. **Membership** - The membership committee has proposed a By-Law change for voting member eligibility: changing from a 2-year to a 3-year non-voting time period. A resolution will be presented at the September Board meeting concerning this proposed change, which if Board approves will be included on the ballot for the October election.
4. **HRC** - Staff meetings have been less attended while staff take a break after the heavy load of July. The Craigslist ad for an office person resulted in interviews of 6 people, & two are returning for a second interview. Jennifer is expected to depart from her office position by September 1. Karen is working with Scott to collect the time sheets and getting agreements signed. Complaints need to be brought to the department heads and staff meetings. A feedback form was given to participants at the Ayurveda Seminar from the HRC regarding the guest experience. We may want to start doing background checks on our employees.
5. **Digital Media Committee** - A review on Trip Advisor from July 2015 should be responded to.

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1. **Sacred Settings -** At the next EC meeting, the committee would like to discuss getting the attorney's letter which substantiates that a designated area for cremains is allowable on private property. The committee hopes that the designated area will be approved by the Board in September.

# Yoga Teacher Training

1. Ten students are continuing with the training this month (an eleventh person departed before completing).
2. It is going well. It is a very balanced and beautiful group. Graduation is on Sunday, August 23, 2015.

**6. Resolution:**

Whereas, the YSNY By-Laws provide that the Board of Directors submit a slate of candidates for nomination of persons to the Board of Directors, and the Nominations Committee has recommended the following candidates: Donna Carlisi-Ayad, Scott Moss (Kamala Kanta), Lindsay Stroh (Nandini), Howell Bosbyshell (Mahesha), and Karuna Washburn; now be it

Resolved, that the YSNY Board of Directors approves of Donna Carlisi-Ayad, Scott Moss

(Kamala Kanta), Lindsay Stroh (Nandini), Howell Bosbyshell (Mahesha), and Karuna Washburn as the slate of candidates for nomination at the election to be held at the October 17th, 2015 Membership Meeting.

Yes 5 No \_\_ Abstain \_\_ Disqualified Person/ Conflict of Interest \_1\_

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Dillsaver (Purnima)

Trustee

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