**Minutes AMBCOF Board Meeting Feb 6, 2020, 7PM**

**THE CIRCLE CENTER**

1. **Present:**
2. Directors - Angela Lee Chen, Fereshteh Azad, Jeff Stearns, Dennis Jan Wolterding, Judy Mangold, Laura Crabtree, John Leiter (All current Board members were present).
3. Guests – Al Grasso, Adrienne Kritz-Geller, Jim Knutson.
4. ***I. Opening: Baba’s words, moment of silence***
5. a quote by Al Grasso
6. ***II. Reading of Norms***

1. Start and end with remembering Baba

2. Participate fully

3. Respect each other

4. Work as a team / no silent disagreements

5. Be careful of using generalizations

6. Seek solutions beyond your own

7. Find joy in what you are doing.

8. Maintain your humor

9. Remain focused on the task

9a. No cell phones 9b. No side conversations 9c. No shifting focus

10. Keep all private information private.

11. Start & End on time and with Baba (7 – 9:00 pm)

1. ***III. Approval of Previous Minutes (Jan 2, 2020) – approved unamiously***

**IV.**  ***Reports of Officers/Directors (See Assignments in Appendix)***

-- President’s Report *(ALC)*

*Bob Ahrens delighted with $651 gift from 25% of bazaar sales (in town for his first Board meeting as Presiding Officer of the MSC), Barbara Plews sent a sweet handwritten card of thanks*

*Finalizing FB policy, 50 new members in Jan alone*

***MOTION 1****: Dennis wolterding moves to adopt the Interim Facebook Policy of Feb 2017 as our final policy with small approved changes. Seconded by Fereshteh. Approved unanimously.*

***Motion 2****: Judy moves to ratify expenditure for renewal of the cinema license, in the amount of $240. Angela seconded. Motion passed unanimously.*

*A thank you party for Dennis, Don, volunteers: Angela tasked with setting up an email poll to see what dates most convenient for Board and volunteers. Budget for Greek food from Mediterranean Grill in Windy Hill.*

***Motion 3:*** *Fereshteh moves to purchase $100 gift certificate from Belk’s for Robin Vogel in recognition of her videotaping services, to be paired with a lunch in her honor. Judy seconds. Motion passed unanimously. Judy to purchase gift certificate.*

*Recap of Jan events: play went very well, attended by about 80 on Sat, 60 on Sunday, many came for a second show, they enjoyed it so much. Joe spoke to a few Board members about banning other events from the Circle for 10 days prior to the play – naturally we cannot do that, but we can strive to have events set up sideways to the room or in the living room area for the period of time before a play. The Levins had a limited time frame to perform, it seems their concert was the biggest need for the stage. All other events we had could have been set up sideways – we can have the stage area cordoned off before the next play.*

*Clive and Greg 2 parts: The majority of the meetings went well, but they have an obvious agenda of anti-SR that showed up at the end of the first talk, and also after the second talk ended and everyone dispersed. Clive has a lot of anger against SR that Fereshteh witnessed as inappropriate and offensive.*

*Richie Blum led a very calm, measured talk, attended by over 90 people…*

*Amartithi God Speaks reading went well, about 10-12 total people attended. Could be an annual event.*

*Joe Perl seems to think the renovation is going to happen, but still no word what the plans will be as far as timeline and process. 3 stores closing including JC Penney – our side of the Mall will be empty.*

-- Vice President’s Report

-- Secretary’s Report (Laura C.: sharing of documents with pres)

*Laura and Dennis to meet to sort through the paperwork*

---Treasurer's Report (Jeff S.)

*Treasurer reports we are in a good position, financially.*

---Service Director's Report

*Hoping to woo Diantha Bovey to get involved in the Circle…*

---Fundraising Report (Fereshteh A.)

*Auction items continued to sell – three paintings by Joe D sold, $96 raised as our cut. Planning online sale in March.*

*Aesthetic committee report – tidying up, rearranging some things, blankets all washed, bookshelves tidied. Lisa Jackson been helping out, consultant role, not interested in actually being on the committee. Don M driftwood reclaimed. Ideas about renovations – holding off on any big expenses in the space, since we never know when we might lose the space. Plans for a window display with Baba’s words.*

*Angela requested Roger Stephens to create a mural for our wall under the main screen.*

*Fundraising Gala date to be determined – Al Grasso recommended John Connor as speaking guest. Angela to reach out to him.*

---C.O.F.E. (Dennis W)

*Dancer named Cherish scheduled – spiritual, whirling? Wants to have a regular thing.*

*Various speakers who had participated in the health fair last October to schedule talks at the Circle, about services of benefit to our community. Probably pair two speakers at a time, we shall see what attendance numbers look like. Media list, Joe Perl’s office disseminates info. People don’t seem to come to Myrtle Beach Mall. Craigslist, FB Marketplace, NextDoor. Al suggests a sandwich board sign in the mall… Really want our own community to show – 20-25 attendees would be sufficient audience to feel worthwhile. Coastal Grand Mall does an annual Health Fair with Grand Strand Hospital, people lined up, 60-70 vendors. MB Mall used to have health fairs, 10 years ago stopped. Dennis thinking of this for our own community.*

*ALC wants to create a reading group – Fereshteh interested, can coordinate co-hosts for the reading group… Hosts hold the space, not necessarily an expert, just holding the space. Books by Meher Baba. Tiffin Lectures, 1-1.5 hours… Dennis interested in being a host. Maybe put out some*

-- Director at Large/Volunteer Coordinator *(*Judy M.)

*Volunteer list of duties/policies – Judy to write a first draft. Inactive volunteers should be asked for their keys back.*

---Director at Large (John L.: ).)

1. ***V. Old Business***
2. **Fundraising Gala in May or June?**
3. **Amartithi (Jan 30) continuous reading of God Speaks**
4. **Workshop by Laurent Weichberger set for Feb 8**

***VI.******New Business***

***VII. Assignments***

***Judy*** *to draw up a list of volunteers, and volunteer duties*

***Laura and Dennis*** *to schedule a meeting to go over files before next Board meeting*

***Angela*** *to reach out to John Connor regarding speaking at CC*

***Laura and Fereshteh*** *to meet in March to set up online purchases on Flipcause*

***Fereshteh*** *to start a reading group, recruit co-facilitators, come up with a reading list.*

***Jeff*** *to check minutes – we had resolved to keep adding to the Service fund every month.*

***Fereshteh*** *to come up with a reading group, regularly scheduled, perhaps rotating list of hosts so that each host only commits to the extent they can manage.*