**Minutes AMBCOF Board Meeting May 22, 2020, 7-9PM**

**Via Zoom**

**THE CIRCLE CENTER**

**Present**: Angela Lee Chen, Fereshteh Azad, Dennis Wolterding, John Leiter, Laura Crabtree, Judy Mangold, Jeff Stearns

**Guests** Jim Knutson,

1. ***I. Opening: Baba’s words, moment of silence***
2. ***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 May 7, 2020***
2. Motion to approve by Dennis, Seconded by Fereshteh, passed unanimously.

**IV Important business**

1. **Re-opening physical Circle**

Considering the Mall has re-opened, restricted by the Governor’s order to social distance and maintain low numbers, we explored a slow re-opening of the Circle Center. We are still restricted to 15 people max at a time. A show of hands shows that we have enough members of the Board willing to man volunteer hours, once a week for now. Hours of drop-in shall be shorter also. We do not expect large numbers, but we look forward to being able to assess demand after a couple weeks of being open. Dennis reports that we have a good stock of disinfecting supplies, disposable masks, etc. He reports that circulated air in a large complex such as the Mall is not nearly as dangerous as direct close exposure.

**Motion**: Dennis moves that the Circle Center for now re-open on Sundays 3-5pm for drop-in, with all the required social distancing measures that the Governor has recommended. Volunteers will wear masks, others wearing masks is optional. Seconded by Laura. Board voted to approve unanimously.

The next four Sunday shifts have been assigned to Board members who volunteered.

1. **EIDL Loan – do we want to accept this loan?**

potentially $13,000 in SBA loan, 2.75% loan rate, 30-year payment term, would be $56 a month in payments. Collateral is “business tangible and intangible assets.”

Not unanimously in favor

Need a compelling reason to accept the loan – Jeff. He also feels it is morally imperative to repay the loan should the CC close. Why take out a loan if we don’t need it, only to have to repay it with interest. Conversely why take out a loan if we do – instead we should just close our doors.

TABLED until SBA approves loan and we have to choose the next step of signing closing docs.

1. **Jim Knutson joining the Board**

Judy could take on Service Director – she is willing, but she feels she would need a project: her immediate inspiration is to reach out to community see if anyone has been overly shut-in.

Jim K to enter as Member-at-large 2

**Judy tenders resignation as Director-at-large 2**

**Judy is proposed for Service Director –** the Board voted to approve unanimously

**Jim Knutson is proposed for Director-at-large 2 –** The board voted to approve unanimously

1. **Scheduling another Bazaar –** tabled to next meeting
2. **Setting up an online store –** Fereshteh to research

Flipcause can do an online store, she will find out how easy it is to use.

1. **Quick Zoom summary –** Angela reported on the Mehera meeting (less than 24-hour notice brought a dozen performers and 70 people into the room). Also, the live bhajans from India have been growing, with a large Indian audience accruing. Help organizing from Prashant Dadar in Meherabad. Also, a report on the NY Life presentation – that did not get any attention from our viewers. Dennis working on more projects, probably going to be in-person meetings.

Youtube channel question – Angela raised the question whether a Circle of Friends YouTube channel should be created. Tabled the discussion for now.

Fereshteh wondered if we need a Zoom committee. Discussion tabled due to shortage of time.

1. **Scheduling Fundraising Gala** -tabled

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

-- President’s Report *(ALC)*

-- Vice President’s Report (n/a)

-- Secretary’s Report (Laura C.)

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

---Service Director's Report (n/a)

---Fundraising Report (Fereshteh A.)

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

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

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

1. ***V. Old Business***
2. **Fundraising Gala June 27, musical guest Andrew Radford**

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