

MBC Trustees Meeting: 11 Feb 2021 Minutes

Attendees:

Present: Silabodhi (SB -Chris Effendowicz) - Chair, Aparajita (AJ – Ajay Gilbert), Chandana (Ch - Stuart Orvis), Mahasraddha (MS – Mark Leach), Sundeep Grewal

Apologies: Dharmakarunya (DK – Ursula Tidd), Prasadu (PS – Andrew Porritt Vishangka (VS – Keith Green)

Welcome and Apologies	Actions
All welcomed to the meeting. Apologies received from DK and PS Check in	
All present checked in. Spiritual Welfare of MBC Sangha & Centre Team	
<p>A Women's Gathering is planned for 28 Feb following the success of the Jan event. A presentation from the Women's Mitra Convenor applicant was made to women Order Members recently and an interview will follow.</p> <p>In the Men's Sangha various meetings are being held with men. MS reported that the Men's Sangha is in a positive stage with clarification of what Going For Refuge means and its implications.</p> <p>SB reported that Tom Connolly and three other young people are running a Young People's Weekend Retreat leading into Parinirvana Festival.</p> <p>The Centre Team has had lots of transition with people leaving and joining over the next few months and this had a toll on the team. Recent Heart Kula meetings have been lighter.</p> <p>MS suggested maybe a series of Kula's to help give energy around events and festivals and support the Team for retreats and festivals.</p> <p>AJ asked how Tools classes and evening courses were progressing in terms of numbers. SG reported that Tools is going well with numbers as high as 40 and a strong number of people attending regularly. Course numbers are not as healthy as seen in previous years; work is underway to improve this through marketing.</p> Approval of minutes 21 Jan 2021	RLK to discuss members for Kula
Approved Matters Arising	
None Co-opting new Trustees : Vidyapala (Paul Whitehead) and Claire Morris	
Agreed: SG nominated Claire Morris, CH seconded. MS nominated Vidyapala (Paul Whitehead), AJ seconded. Role of Treasurer Officer to also be discussed with new Trustees.	SB to invite next Trustees' meeting.

AGM 2021

Date for upcoming 2020 AGM agreed Wed 5th May 2021. Ask local Order Members what time would suit between 5pm to 7pm start times.

Format to encourage participation of local Order will be discussed at following meeting.

Monthly Trustees Meetings

Suggested that Trustees meeting revert back to four weekly, with discussion of timings and days for future dates.

Agreed 11 Mar for next meeting.

Working Groups for Triratna Manchester Blue-Sky Thinking

Outcome for Working Group to develop working paper for Triratna Manchester that will help develop ideas for future development.

Discussion regarding members will be undertaken before the next meeting.

SB to invite suggested members

Equality, Diversity, Inclusion

Update on various areas around Racial Diversity, and the need for work around disability, gender and class issues. Discussion of Vision Statements, with agreed mid to long term priorities should proceed inviting Taravandana and Suryaka to a meeting to discuss their ideas to help frame their suggestions.

Any Other Business

None

Next Trustee Meeting – Thursday 11 Mar 1.30 – 3.30pm