

SUBUD Portland General Business Meeting ~~(Draft)~~

April 30, 2023

Facilitator: Marius Harold

Note Taker: Molly Osborne

NEXT MEETING May 28, 2023

PRESENT: full check-in below. Gordon Kush, Elizabeth Maghran, Molly Osborne, Greg Carrigan, Lusijah Marx, Lisa Wolfgang, Mary Kimsey, Trevor Hofvendahl, Samuel Czuba, Latham Stock, Morris McClellan, Akhri Cutler, Hilda Harold, Marilyn Schirk, Sherwin Obar, Hadijah Obar, Leano McClellan, Mariah Baker Mirah Speis, Alexander Boyer.

Marius Harold opened the meeting for sharing – saying he is feeling grateful for things in his life. Other check-in is at the end of the meeting min below.

1. MINUTES Action: Approval of meeting minutes: June 2022, Jan 2023, Mar 2023
2. **Business items** Marius Harold & Morris McClellan
 - Roof: Held 2 meetings with City of Portland, next step on May 2 with Permit services to determine required permits and exit program while construction ongoing.
 - Working closely with Nirel regarding women's Latihan room, piano removed, symbology to be removed.
 - Sidewalks: getting bids but ~\$15,000 and \$12,000. Probably can do it around \$5,000
 - Renters: consider self-sustaining system so that donations can be for SUBUD
 - o Nirel rental manager: \$7500 (\$6500 currently) in checking \$7500 (\$5300 currently) in savings. Haven't replace savings yet.
 - House repairs: Capital checking \$14,1021 (with grant \$10,000 from the region) for roof project.
 - Paypal / debit card: Leanna McClellan buys supplies for house, e.g. toilet paper
 - Quarterly statements available (Profit & Loss balance sheet)
 - \$40/month to re-initiate payment for Liana
3. **Susila Dharma report** Marilyn Schirk and Liana

Susila Dharma fundraiser: 5pm 5/7/23 potluck and fundraising for annual match (\$3000 available now, hoping for the match goal of \$5000). Donate items, some available now (Powell's, etc.) Check the bulletin board for details. Focus on Central and South American projects. Mariachi music. Bring food related to Cinco de Mayo if possible.
4. **Regional Pacific NW report** Latham Stock formalizing organization and scheduling meetings - Next Subud PNW board meeting May 8, 2023. Addressing expenses DEWAN took to Bellingham. Encourage family activities, e.g. family camp. Engage youth more, explore social media. Increase communication with members. Web site update. Please get involved: you need to do more than Latihan and come to a meeting.
 - MALWARE: DO NOT OPEN ATTACHMENTS, CHECK ALL URLs and email addresses to identify Pfishing.
 - It's likely that this Fall's kedjiwaan retreat is the last to be held at Menucha. Due to staffing issues, Menucha can't give the same service and accommodations as we've had in the past. This made it difficult to negotiate a contract this year. Latham and Halima Taylor and Oswald Norton have begun regular meetings to plan the retreat. We hope to engage young people to help. There will be an assistance fund to help needy members attend.

- Helpers: The term of office for the current helpers is over this Fall. Anyone interested in serving should contact one of the current helpers. You don't currently have to be a helper to serve. The men helpers are planning a trip to Eugene, this will probably occur early in June. The helpers are also hoping to have a kedjiwaan day in Portland and Seattle sometime this summer.
- DEWAN visited the Bellingham/Skagett-Valley group over April 21-24. The purpose was to help that center consider the future of the Subud house, and to consider the needs of members for community and group Latihan. Like many centers in the country, they are faced with aging members for whom it has gotten harder to drive to the Subud house for Latihan. The region will likely sell the property within a year. The dewan took the opportunity of being together to also have a mini retreat to deepen our working relationships
- The region is working to better staff the 2nd Sat and 4th Sun social zooms, as we see this as an important opportunity for members to socialize with one another
- 5. ***National Committee*** Alexander Boyer, councilor, linked to international activities –
 - do look at SUBUD world news
 - SEPTEMBER: Baltimore National Congress
 - JANUARY: World Congress in Indonesia pending government approval.
- 6. ***Astoria Vision from Greg Carrigan:*** To bring SUBUD to Astoria. Astoria is growing and my vision is to start a group and would like input and help on this. Looking for space and some helpers to open people interested in SUBUD.
 - Marius – helpers could come and talk to someone interested in joining SUBUD, and maybe Greg could become a helper (it is the easy part – you just surrender)
- 7. ***A DREAM*** Note: Bapak's animal - white tiger (Dream is shortened and presented w/permission)
 - Samuel Czuba had several dreams during nights of power - I'm living in a small house off a county road in front of a forest. I'm sitting on a rock and three animals come by (unusual like an anteater). Then a white tiger goes by, then another white tiger (outside, inside, friendly, nudging). County commissioner comes 'not allowed to have tigers' but they aren't visible. Then the County Commissioner comes back with dogs, and the dogs want to stay, pointing out the county commissioner beats them and his wife and kids. Sheriff comes to shoot the tigers but he tries unsuccessfully, they are unhurt and Sheriff runs away without his gun.
 - 2nd dream two tigers with 2 cubs. Sam looks to have them adopted and screens five folks then the tigers identify another dark-skinned guy as 'the one.'

8. CHECK IN from those present:

Greg Carrigan in Astoria, would like to start a Chapter there

Lusijah Marx - I have a Susila Dharma project, Quest has a new building and I have other projects

Lisa Wolfgang

Mary Kimsey – opened 40years ago

Trevor Hofvendahl opened several months ago, Rainer my uncle and my dad has restarted recently

Samuel Czuba – read about SUBUD in a mushroom book (much laughter!!)

Latham Stock member since 2005 moved to Albany, Regional Chair Pacific N

Morris McClellan opened 1969 in LA through high school in Cambridge MA

Akhri Cutler opened at 19yo concerned about SUBUD future

Hilda Harold – learned about SUBUD in Alaska and now I'm here

Marilyn Schirk (Vice Chair) - 22 when I encountered SUBUD,

Sherwin Obar – Camas, Learned about SUBUD in 1970's through his wife Hadijah, moved to Portland

1978 – 2000, then Seattle, now back in Portland,

Hadijah Obar – opened 19yo back of Cascade music. it's really good to be home in Portland

Leano McClellan 13 learned about SUBUD through college brother

Mariah Baker heard about SUBUD from San Francisco taxi driver, married him and my brother and sister are also opened

Mirah Speis – opened 1980s through Hadijah

Alexandra Boyer from Vancouver, WA on the national committee (councilor) link to international affairs and events, do look at SUBUD world news

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Marius Harold (Chair) – pointed out agates on the table to share