

# Shramadana Project Meeting Minutes Triangle Insight Meditation Community

by Mary Mudd for 21 February 2018

**Attendees:** Gordy Livermore, Gerri McGuire, Mary Mudd, Howard Staab, Ron Vereen, Karen Ziegler

We discussed the following agenda items:

- 1. Follow-Up on Service to the Episcopal Center** – Since our last meeting, Howard Staab has built and delivered two storage benches that are being used to house the sangha’s cushions and pillows. These are making the set-up and put-away tasks easier now that we do not need to store cushions in the narrow closet.
- 2. Update on “Media Night”** – Gerri McGuire discussed some different ideas for media night including having a potluck and/or musical gathering, asking sangha members what they would like to have and possibly changing the night for the event to see if this increases attendance. We agreed that given the changes going on in the sangha as we explore our values, vision and mission and discern the way forward, it would be good to continue this event to maintain some stability with some of our past and current programs. Gerri and her team will check the schedule at the Episcopal Center and look into showing the movie, “Get Out” from Netflix.
- 3. May Retreat Plans**– Avila Retreat Center has been reserved for May 24-27. Key points:
  - a. Ron Vereen and Jeanne van Gemert will lead the retreat together.
  - b. Description of this retreat will be “Deepening Our Practice”.
  - c. Ron has calculated potential costs and it appears there will be money for two scholarships.
  - d. Karen Ziegler and Gordy Livermore will be co-managers.
  - e. Howard Staab will be the bell ringer, provide snacks and help transport cushions and other items to and from Avila.
  - f. I will prepare printed copies of daily schedules, interview sheets and any other documents needed.
  - g. We will ask Leah Rutchick to manage the online registration again.
- 4. Retreat Planning Guidelines** – I was contacted by Mary Grigsby who recommended that we put together some guidelines or a manual to use in planning retreats. Mary is currently compiling her notes from planning the retreat held in January. I will ask her to forward her notes to me. Thereafter, I will add my notes and pass the draft on to the other members of SP for their additions to create this document.
- 5. Other Future Planned Events** – some events discussed at past meetings are now on hold pending completion of the ongoing process of exploring the sangha changes needed and discerning a way forward. These include the *Equity Training Workshop* and a *David Loy visit*. Other future events include:
  - a. *Lama Rod Owens Visit* – this is scheduled for Oct. 22-29, 2018. Karen Ziegler and Ron Vereen are part of another group that is planning this event. They will have a meeting on this on March 8.
  - b. *Ruth King Visit* – this is scheduled for March 15-17, 2019. More planning will be discussed next fall.