

Attending: Azima, Qahira, Kuan Yin, Nirtan, Akbar, David

INVOCATION

1. The membership drive:

- Are we the SMIC also known as SCC, SCC also known as SMIC? Does it matter? Reminder that we more or less agreed to downplay the SMIC name by adopting the SCC as our identity.
- clarify privileges of SCC membership and friend of the SCC, suggestions by Kuan Yin
- pay for memberships or free?
- review the text and layout in the draft membership form – missing or too much information?
- how do we receive moneys? cheque, e-transfer? Address and email contact
- maintaining the database – how and who?
- clarify if membership is with SCC or SMIC, or both?

It was agreed that we refer to our identity as the Sufi Circle Canada. Sufi Movement in Canada is our legal name and used for administrative purposes.

David will prepare an update of the membership form and circulate for approval. When ready for sending out, Nirtan will prepare a covering letter/email that David will send out to our email list along with the membership/donation form. Replies are expected to be received by David, but if they come to other Board members, they will be forwarded to David. He will maintain the SCC database for now. There will be two categories, **Member** and **Friend**, both at no cost. **Member** status is intended to identify those who have an interest to participate in SCC administrative matters, such as the AGM and the development of future policies. **Friend** status is intended to be a category for outreach to the broad sufi-interested community for the purposes of staying in touch and sharing. Our goal is to be as inclusive as our members and friends are willing. There will be a renewed request for donations as our source of revenue.

Motion: Nirtan moved and Azima seconded - For one year, as a new policy, the SCC/SMIC will offer no cost memberships and request donations as the sole source of operating revenue. This policy will be reviewed in one year to determine if it has met our goals for fund-raising and member/friend support. Unanimously approved.

2. The next newsletter:

- what is the role of the editor? Should we look outside the Board as a source for editor?
- should we have an editorial board to maintain consistency with our underlying purpose?
- newsletter coordinator, rather than editor?
- should the newsletters have a theme?
- Nirtan set a deadline of August 1. A later date?
- any thoughts about articles for submission to the next newsletter?
- encouraging participation from our family in eastern Canada.

It was agreed that Nirtan will remain the editor of Heart to Heart with the direct assistance of Kuan Yin for the next issue. David will send out a reminder request for contributions from our members/friends. This will occur after the membership drive has been initiated. Newsletter contributions will be sent jointly to Nirtan and Kuan Yin. The subject of contributions to the newsletter will generally reflect how the Sufi Message is affecting people's lives and work. Akbar suggested that the newsletter contain references of interest to the readers and, perhaps, announcements.

3. [Report from Akbar on planning a retreat at the Bethlehem Centre in spring 2021.](#)

The Bethlehem Centre is closed and currently not making any plans until the Covid-19 lockdown ends.

Next ZOOM Meeting: undetermined.

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