

## Reversing Falls Sanctuary Program Team Meeting March 12, 2024

**Present:** Daksha Bauman, Anne Ferrara, Tony Ferrara, Joanna Hefferen, Emily Blair Stribling, Gary Vencill, Sheila Moir (scribe)

Daksha, the facilitator, opened the meeting by inviting everyone to share a moment that shaped their life between the dashes that are usually inscribed on a tombstone: birth date – death date.

The minutes of the Feb. 13 meeting were approved by consensus.

### **EVALUATION OF PAST PROGRAMS**

#### Eco-Spirituality program with Andi Lloyd, 2/25

- 32 people attended, including 4 young people.
- More structure needed to transition to the breakout rooms. Some were too large, some too small. In some groups, one person dominated. Perhaps form groups by counting off.
- Need to do something rather than just talk about it. As an example of what could be done, Tony read an email just sent out by CAN giving contact info for groups with specific projects that people could join in on. Such a list could be available at the next session.

#### Exploring Scraps Workshop, Feb. 24

- 15 people attended. New friendships made, old ones resurrected.
- Some attendees, like Frederica Marshall, became resources.
- Daksha to invite 4-5 people to her house for a monthly program.

#### QiGong and Taichi, Mon. & Thurs., 9-11 am

- Ongoing

#### Sketch Group/Art Club, Wed. 4-6 pm

- Ongoing

#### Book Group, 2/19

- Enjoying an eclectic selection of readings, including *The Godfather* this month.

#### Women's Circle, 3/3

- Attendees had wonderful time creating collages with 2-3 people working at each table.
- Frederica Marshall provided lots of materials and was adept at offering suggestions.

#### Hanging Art of Protest, 2/28

- All went well.

### **COMING EVENTS**

#### Winter into Spring Series: The Art of Protest

- Weather caused cancellation of first session, Pat Wheeler's presentation.
- Schedule had already been rearranged by request of Doug Rawlins, who is now presenting on March 24. Dud Hendricks will introduce Doug.
- March 17 date for Rob Shetterly's session on March 17 is unchanged.

- Anne will check with Women's Circle presenters to see if Pat's program could happen on April 7 instead.

#### Mud and Miracles with Richard Ackerman, April 6

- Emily Blair sent Rich's letter out to people who attended the last retreat, but needed David Vandiver's email address.
- Because several people can't come, we can invite a few more people.
- Bobbi Ackerman wants to provide breakfast again, but we need different approach for lunch, perhaps a pot of soup.

#### Women's Circle, April 7

- Anne will request date change to April 14.

#### Book Group, March 18

- Will be meeting at 11 am.

#### Dud Hendricks request

- He would like to show films of his trips to Vietnam.
- Could be April 21 or sometime in summer.
- Pat will check with Dud about dates, and Anne will coordinate with Pat.

#### Bea Gates request

- Bea would like to present an LGBTQ+ program during Pride Month in June.
- The original request came to Lola Bogyo, so Anne will let Lola know that such a program would be welcome. Bea could then come up with a date.

#### Hannah Semler request

- Hannah, the CEO of Farm Drop, would like to organize a film showing about the work of farms and food producers and host a fireside chat about the work of Farm Drop.
- Joanna and Emily Blair will consult with Hannah to set a date.

### **DISCUSSION TOPICS**

#### Sedgwick after-school program with Vanessa Adams

- Vanessa has never responded and probably never will, so the idea has been dropped

#### Continuing Art Workshops

- Working on new plan

#### Building Use Coordinator

##### Program Coordinator

- Only one person is really needed for these two positions, perhaps called the RFS Coordinator
- There are two parts to the job: tasks concerning the building, both inside and outside, and tasks related to programs.
- Some tasks are routine and some are one-off needs.
- One pressing need is for one person to be responsible for developing and maintaining a master calendar.
- If team members send lists of tasks to Daksha, she will compile these into the beginning of a job description for the Board to consider.

### Need for a Strategic Plan

- Program team would like the Board to know that they consider the development of a strategic plan to be of utmost importance to this growing organization. Sheila will emphasize this at the next Board meeting.
- Propose an ad hoc committee composed of Board and Program people who would meet in a retreat after spending time beforehand consider a series of questions that will shape the discussion.
- It would be wise to hire a facilitator for such a retreat. Deb Burwell was suggested or possibly Grace Noonan-Keyes. We could also ask Leslie Goode for suggestions.
- Emily Blair will check with Richard Ackerman to see if this is something that he might be able and willing to facilitate.

### Donations Correspondence Response

- Bec is back to taking care of this.
- Gary will deliver a packet of the pre-printed notes to Bec.

### Building and Grounds Maintenance Needs

- Some spring tasks not being taken care of, such as picking up sticks all over the ground.
- Daksha will create a bullet-point list and give it to Joanna, who will talk with John.

### Maintenance of exhibit items need to be moved for other events

- Gallery requests respect for the art.

**Next meeting:** April 9

**Facilitator:** Sheila

**Scribe:**