

Board Of Directors Meeting

October 19, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 P.M. at location address

Present: Susan Johnson, Liz McMann, Elizabeth Cleveland, Rita Dungey, Angela Ogren (volunteer)

Absent: Diana Drake, Jeanne Barkey

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the September 27, 2008, meeting were approved.

Treasurers Report

Our current balance is \$12,309.49

Membership Committee

We currently have 100 paid members and 30 complementary members (other associations and visiting teachers).

IYNAUS membership database issues have been resolved, so we now have a much more accurate member count.

The membership dues for 2009 will be \$55. All memberships expire Dec. 31. We will have 2009 renewal and joining forms available in November.

New Business

The board received feedback that more detail in the meeting minutes would be beneficial. The board will include more information, keeping in mind there is a balance between not enough and too much information.

The meeting minutes from September 27, 2008, have been amended to include the information that a \$250 donation was made in memory of Mary Dunn to the Iyengar Yoga Institute of New York. The amended minutes have been posted on the IYAMN web site. Diana Drake's and Liz McMann's terms on the board will expire at the end of this year. The board warmly thanks them for their service! The board is looking for certified teachers and members to fill the vacancies. Please contact the board if you are interested in serving.

Education and Special Events Committee

Board members designed the invitations for Guruji's birthday celebration and mailed out 100 invites on Friday, October 10. As a member, you should have received it by now, along with a stamped RSVP card. The invitation will be posted on the IYAMN web site shortly as well. Please RSVP by October 31.

The board has solidified the following details for the event:

- A beautiful site has been confirmed in St. Paul at the Paul and Sheila Wellstone Center.
- To bring Guruji's spirit to the birthday event, an asana class will be held from 2:00 to 4:00; the class will be from a recording in 1990 taught by Guruji. Board members Susan Johnson and Elizabeth Cleveland have put in roughly 20 hours (to date) transcribing the two-hour class. The transcription will be projected at the event so that Guruji's words will be visible for all to read and follow. The class will be led by Intermediate Senior Level III certified Iyengar instructor Kristin Chirhart.
- Sutra recitation and talk will be held from 4:00 to 5:30, led by Lee Sverkerson. A chanting of the yoga sutras of Patanjali will be followed by commentary. The sutra chanting at the birthday celebration is the culmination of a year-long preparation organized by Board President Susan Johnson and led by Intermediate Senior Level I certified Iyengar instructor Lee Sverkerson.

--Dinner will be held from 5:30 to 7:30; food will be catered by Common Roots Café (Minneapolis) who will serve a vegetarian, Indian meal.
--A special vegan birthday dessert will be provided by Liz McMann.

--Angie Ogren, a friend of the board, has volunteered her time to manage the catering and decorations, as well as logistics on the day of the event.

--Giveaways will be raffled off at the event!

Props will be required for the event; look for more details on the IYAMN web site before November 15.

The traditional tithing of 10% of the association account balance and birthday card will be given to Guruji and Geetaji on behalf of the IYAMN association.

The last sutra study class was held on October 12. The board heartfully thanks Lee Sverkerson for his leadership and scholarly discourse. Attendance was excellent!

Participation at the monthly meetings to chant and discuss the sutras averaged ten to twelve people. Thank you to both Kristin and Lee for allowing the use of their yoga center for the monthly gatherings. A gift card was presented to Lee at the last class on behalf of the board and association.

Looking ahead: the board has planned a Dean Lerner workshop for April 17 to 19, 2009. Mark your calendars!

All Iyengar Yoga events conducted by certified teachers who are current with their certification listings are eligible for inclusion in the Minnesota Association **Calendar of Events** on the IYAMN website. Please send your listing by email to [HYPERLINK "mailto:iyamn@iynaus.org" iyamn@iynaus.org](mailto:iyamn@iynaus.org)

Next Board Meeting

Next Board meeting date and location has not been determined at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 4:57 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Cleveland.