**SICA-USA Board Meeting Minutes**

**Sunday, 10.17.21, 2:00 PM PST**

**Meeting minutes**

- Meeting commenced 2:00 PM PST, starting with a ten-minute latihan.

- Attending, Board Members: Paul E Nelson, Chair, Ralph Davila, Acting Treasurer, Lawrence Pevec, Sanderson Morgan, Lauren Stanley and Susannah Rosenthal. National Helper Liaisons: Jim Dehner, Michal Brownell. Guest, Adelia MacWilliam, Chair SICA-Canada.

- Paul requested someone take notes; Lauren agreed to.

- Approval of last meeting’s minutes: Lawrence makes a motion; Lauren seconded. Passed unanimously.

# - Ralph financial report: Bank is closed for the next few days for service; we will get a different login. Balance: $11,325

- Amazon Smile - info sent out by Ralph. This can add funds to the org.

- Report back from SICA international:

Sanderson could not make it.

Lawrence signed in for a day, second session- his overall view was that a lot was already established in first session. He met many he had not known. Mariann LaSalle is working on a SICA-International gallery. Ralph attended. Surprised by number of people on the zoom call and by the largesse of the projects being proposed. No web page nor budget, which seem necessary. Felix Prieto had some good ideas about Susannah’s project - working on talent and skills - and will meet with her on that. Adelia posted SICA International planning document to the Chat.

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Susannah was there Sunday in time to give a report on the talent + skills database she has struggled to get support for. Felix talked with her on phone - has a different idea about a way to list skills. He has a good group of youth working with him and good focus. Getting off of Facebook is hard. Each of the people who reported is doing so alone and without the support of a board. Experience in leading meetings varies from person to person. Susannah likes working with Ismanah who has been on board from the start but is sick and hasn’t been in attendance a lot.

All these are reasons for their seeming lack of organization. There is a long-term goal of having an academy. Paul shared screen on the miro.com planning board with stickies. He’s concerned that they don’t have a website, as well. Discussion about website and how to achieve. Paul Nelson hired Roberta Hoffman (Baltimore member) who did the archives site and has had a great experience with her. Susannah thought it a good idea to test how we could help. Ralph wants to keep this on the back burner. Sanderson suggested planning better to be at their next meeting. Date? AGM follow up meeting on 10.24. Paul will share this in chat.

- Zoomuse & Poems for Peace

Adelia reported that they had the first Zoomuse + Poems for Peace, with invited poets. Interest in bringing in notable poet figures from public and share of outside Subud. We may get a little flack for this - not exclusive to Subud poets. But goes along with Latifah’s original idea. Andrew Schilling is to be the initial feature on October 21.Planning will start for a Sept 21, 2022 (UN Day of Peace) Poems for Peace event with a Zoom component.

Is there a way for SICA to financially support P for P? SICA Canada has stated their support. We could do every other month. Contribute $300 Poems for Peace program.

Lawrence makes a motion for this; Sanderson seconds. Passes unanimously.

(Adelia leaves meeting.)

- Review of Lawrence’s grant proposal: Memories of Bapak, The Jerry Chalem Interview Project

Paul shared screen on this and will send to group; he read through application during meeting.

Endorsed by many as very valuable project - he is director of it (Kristiana Kalab presented some of the interviews at the Freiberg World Congress and asked for volunteers to help with post production and finish the project. Lawrence agreed to take on the project at that time). This is important work. Working pro bono to produce. He would like to have access to some of the $1K pocket of money to continue the work (second phase) - do the recording, send Lawrence the files, and do the final production to publish under auspices of WSA Archives. Can also give SICA-USA more foot traffic. Paul mentioned it would be nice to reach out to historically marginalized communities in this work. Lawrence said he’d like to.

Diversity important. Memories of Bapak project can stoke that fire. We can try to do better and seek out these people.

Funds from Subud NY were donated to the SICA general fund. ($300) but Lawrence was not aware at the time that this project was ongoing.Susannah makes motion for $1126 to be available to Lawrence’s project. Sanderson seconds. Ralph feels uncomfortable with idea of making a donation and then recalling it. We could just say that we’re making a separate grant award of $1K and it was considered a friendly amendment, that motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously. Lawrence and Paul abstained from the vote.

- 2022 Board Retreat planning

at Subud LA on Wilshire Blvd. Sanderson had sent out a compilation of ideas people have about this. LA people would be involved in planning - Lukman Katz, others. Sanderson asked everyone including helpers to think about what this could be. “SICA-USA is bringing this to a center near you”. Special type of Subud gathering - about our inners and how we manifest them. Do a trial run: receive some questions about people who are in the art business. Question about date, so close on the heels of winter holidays. Michal says best to set a date and keep it firm well in advance. Three weekends were arrived at: the original Jan 14-16; Feb 11-13 (valentines weekend); Feb. 18-20 (potential three-day weekend). Lauren offered to put out a doodle poll. A planning meeting for board retreat was scheduled for Sunday Nov. 7 @ 3:00 PST

Meeting adjourned 3:52 PM PST

Notes compiled by Lauren

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