**SICA-USA Board Meeting Minutes Sunday, July 18, 2021,**

**4:00pm PDT short Latihan/5:000pm MDT/**

**6:00 CDT/7:00pm EDT**

**Via Zoom** [**https://us02web.zoom.us/s/2064225002**](https://us02web.zoom.us/s/2064225002)

Invited: Board Members, Paul E Nelson (Chair), Hamilton Cheifetz (Past Chair), Ralph Davila (Acting Treasurer). Board Members: Lawrence Pevec, Sanderson Morgan, and Susannah Rosenthal. National Helper Liaison: Jim Dehner

Lauren recorded meeting minutes from June 30. Sanderson moves to approve: Hamilton seconds; unanimously approved.

Ralph agreed to take minutes: fireflies app is active and taking transcription of the meeting discussion.

Brief discussion regarding brainstorming. This should not be done at board meetings but at a separate meeting. Future agendas should be created ith categories for old and new business.

1. After Latihan, after short Latihan, Call to Order 4:17pm and Reminder of Meeting Discipline. 102-minute agenda including Latihan.
2. Financial Report, Fund Drive Update (Ralph) - 5 minutes. As of July 18, 2021, our checking account is $3,650.33 & our savings account (all funds from recent fundraiser) $7,425.30 Donations that came in from Subud USA for June was $55.00. Ralph added that he made mistake on the amount of money the fundraising drive made at the last BOD meeting. **Board members are encouraged to donate to SICA-USA.**
3. Discussion of website, status of submissions guidelines, quality of content, Facebook page which needs administrators and the activity of the Communications Committee. Discussion followed regarding content for blog and need for content from other board members besides Hamilton and Paul. Sanderson is working with David McCormack for a potential blog post. Ralph volunteered to ask Danila Moneta for an interview on a focused topic about the archive. **Paul will reach out to Laura Paterson to posts chapters of her memoir.** Paul also said short interviews with Subud members about Subud cultural issues would be an easy way to create relevant content. **Paul will post such an interview conducted with Dahlan Roberto Foah this week.**
4. SICA-International Meeting report. Susannah reported on the minutes of the last Subud-International Board. There was evidence of possible opportunities for some collaborative business/events between SICA-USA & International. **Paul will meet with Guru from SICA-India and other SICA country chairs.**
5. Board Winter retreat in Marin? LA? Santa Cruz? (Paul, all) Lots of discussion on dates, what venue, how many venues & costs. January 14-16, 2022, was decided and one venue. LA seemed to be the logical venue, testing was suggested but not confirmed. Discussion followed and centered around: content, collaborative workshops, entertainment with L.A. center group, and testing on culture. **Ralph will follow up with LA with more details & date.**
6. There was some discussion about a program called “Human Force” that has been led by Alex Woodward (Lauren Woodward’s sister) or maybe still is, inquiring minds need to know.
7. Meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting? **September 26 at 4pm PDT. 7pm EDT. Michal, please come!**

**Old business not discussed was Grants given to Halima Christy & Emmanuel Williams.**