

USHS Board Meeting Minutes

03/25/14

Present: Maxine Adelstein, Kimberlee Bach, Robert Jaffe, John Laird, Lora Laird, Carol Lee, Cheryl Ritenbaugh, Carolyn Shenmen, Phil Sorensen, Patricia Brady Walzer, James Cotten, Ingridy Beltrao

Excused Absence: Pat Aylward, Catherine Antunes, Dean Janeff, Renata Parrino, Lincoln Wachtel, John Whalen

Unexcused Absence:

Patricia Brady-Walzer opened the meeting with the Fatihah.

Decisions:

1. The minutes from 02/25/14, both sets, were approved.

Accountabilities:

1. Robert Jaffe, Lincoln Wachtel and Carol Lee meeting regularly. Working on creating overall picture for marketing to bring to Qayyum.

Agenda:

1. Enrollment – report sent before meeting
2. Accreditation –Looked into other possible accreditation avenues by joining with private schools or non-profits in regards to student loans specifically
3. Development – Introduced Katina Bishop. She shared her gratitude for the USHS board members who have already contributed to this year’s campaign and to those who have made challenges as well as those who helped contact previous board members to ask for donations as well. Will have another telethon this year hosted by Ibrahim. It is on Wednesday May 14 from 5:30 – 7:00 pm PT.
4. Financial – report sent before meeting. Budget time, please get your budget requests in ASAP.

Strategic Discussion:

Cheryl Ritenbaugh was at Claremont University in LA for conference about transporting our traditions. She was invited to be keynote speaker. Talked 10 minutes out of 45 about being on the Sufi path, what USHS is about and our curriculum and so forth and how that shaped the science she has done. And shared results around interviews with students from 2008-2010 where she asked students to reflect upon how the world had reflected back to them any changes they were experiencing. She met Munar Sheik, from another Islamic School and they discussed possible collaboration between USHS and his Islamic school. They teach Arabic and Islamic history and history of Sufism and do some of these things online. The Qayyum and Salima and Nura would be the contacts for starting a connection between the two.

Meeting was adjourned.