

MEETING of the BUDDHIST PEACE FELLOWSHIP, Chicago Chapter

THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2008

LOCATION: Ancient Dragon Zen Gate at the the Cenacle Conference Center, 513 W. Fullerton

PRESENT: Jack, Carlos, Lindsay, Manuel, Robin, Taigen, Eric, Dawn, Debra, Dean, Kevin

MEETING facilitated by Dean; MINUTES by Kevin

AGENDA:

1. David Loy event countdown
2. June 7th International Buddhist Festival
3. Announcements/Misc.

1. David Loy event countdown

David will arrive in Chicago 11 AM Sunday April 27th; Bill will provide transport and Sunday evening accommodation. We are expecting about 50-100 people for the public event. The 6-9 pm event will be an informal discussion (approx. 30 people?) and there will be catered veggie pizza and snack food available. It is OK for us to collect Dana and to discreetly sell David's new book and our T-shirts (there is probably space inside the room to set up a table there).

- 2:30 pm: Volunteers arrive to help with setup.
- 2:30-3:00 pm: Hallway table for arrival sign-up and donations for the event (manned by Bill and others).
- 3:00 pm: Angelika Cedzich of DePaul will welcome everyone to the university. Dean and/or Taigen will introduce David Loy. We expect David to speak 45-60 minutes, then we will have a Q & A moderated by Taigen.
- 4:30-5:00 pm: Book selling (and signing, if David wants to do it); T-shirt selling.
- 5:30 pm: Close the event.
- 6:00 pm: Catered food arrives; karma discussion begins.
- 8:00-8:30 pm: Wrap-up.

We now have a notice on the AFSC and Conscious Choice online calendars; Time Out and Chicago Reader are pending. Debra reports that CAN TV may or may not videotape the talk; they haven't committed yet. We need to have a back-up plan for just audio taping. Dean says there are 21 people on the list now, for the 6-9 pm discussion.

People have done a fantastic job putting up flyers in their designated places; the final round of flyering is happening now. Carlos has contacted many Buddhist groups on our spreadsheet, and will follow up. In addition, Dawn and Carlos will flyer UIC; Lindsay will email flyers to university Religion and Philosophy departments and divinity schools around Chicago. Jo Marie has contacted our wider BPF list, BPF National and other regional meditation groups.

TO DO (in addition to final flyering and email round):

- Bill: Bring 100\$ in one dollar bills in addition to other change for the book sale and Dana.
- Manuel: Do the book sales at event.
- Dawn: Flyer UIC with Carlos. Bring tape, markers, pens, string, extra paper, etc.
- Robin: Follow up on catering situation with Dean, Angelika.
- Carlos: Continue contacting groups from revised sanghas spreadsheet-- email with PDF flyer, etc; contact Jo Marie about website and wider BPF list.
- Lindsay: Email flyers to university Religion and Philosophy departments and divinity schools.
- Debra: Bug CAN TV.
- Dean: Follow-up with Angelika and Robin regarding the catering/food order. Bring Dana basket.
- Eric: Bring our vinyl banner to the event, and also the ADZG tape recorder (?)
- Kevin: Finish revising BPF Chicago brochure with the assistance of Carlos and Jack; make final printouts. Print table signs (one for books, one for T-shirts) and sign-in sheets. Follow-up on the video or audio recording situation. Bring tape, markers, pens, string, extra paper, etc.
- Thank you to everyone!

2. June 7th International Buddhist Festival

The theme for this year's event is "Thinking Peace, Taking Action," perfect for the BPF. Dean has contacted organizer Asayo Horibe. However, Bill will be unable to give his talk on counter-recruitment due to another commitment. If anyone wants to develop and do a presentation/workshop, please let Dean know as soon as possible. Taigen is already scheduled to be the Mahayana speaker in a panel discussion, and he can also represent the BPF. We should have a table at the event (to be held at 4740 N. Racine; visit buddhistcouncilmidwest.org). Carlos will try to contact Trish Teeter to see if she is interested in speaking.

3. Announcements/Misc.

- Jack says that the No War on Iran group is in discussion with the city, regarding a possible city resolution opposing a military attack on Iran. Scott Ritter may come to speak at a city council meeting.
- The Cafe Society and the Public Square group has requested a speaker on the Tibet situation. Jack will forward Tashi Phuri's email to Dean.
- The group declines to participate in a May 11th Arlington Heights/Harmony Park event, "Mother's Day for Peace."

NEXT MEETING: Unless otherwise notified: Thursday May 15: 7 PM meditation, 7:30 PM meeting (until 9 PM) at the Cenacle Retreat and Conference Center in Lincoln Park, 513 W. Fullerton St. (ask at check-in desk for ADZG meeting room number). There is a free parking lot. www.bpf.org/chicago