

E R H G Minutes February 20, 2020

Present: Cathy, Gino, David, Sheena, Luigi.

Agenda

1. Final decision on attendance of Goetheanum workshop on Groups and Branches.
2. Finalize date and plan for next video conference.
3. Special Events position and co-chairs
4. Posting our minutes
5. Next meeting or recurring regular date

Online Newsletter

Since March 4th will be the online gathering for Sacred Gateway, and the 24th is the date for another Society's online gathering, **we decided for March 31st. David will contact Deb A. D. (and Laura S. ?)**

Goetheanum Branch Meeting and AGM: how should we support Gino?

The meetings will include the AGM of General Society. Meeting of general secretaries. Branch meeting is ½ day. Then follows the AGM. Flight is getting more expensive now.

We explored whether it would make sense for Gino to go: some of us were ambivalent or torn. Not clear whether the Branch section will really address what we need since it is very short and follows two goals at once (dealing with some conflict in the organs of information and addressing the questions of the Branches); but other opportunities could emerge from the other meetings due to the presence of so many people. The question also came up of aligning our decisions with a clear vision.

No consensus emerged. We postponed the decision to the Tuesday 2/24 meeting (7:30 pm).

Gino will further inquire about the meetings to help the group come to a more informed decision.

Portland AGM

Portland AGM: \$ 6500 planned for all regional members transportation costs (Eastern needs are the highest); Eastern region will get something more than a third of this due to the greater travel distance.

This AGM is part of a series of focused meetings. In 2020 the focus will be on the regions. Scope: using the AGM as a coming together of Branches and initiatives.

Co-Chairs and Special Events Coordinator

Cathy and Sheena are now co-chairs;
Angela is the events coordinator. Examples of events: guest speakers;
coordinating with other regional meetings.

Posting the Minutes online

It was agreed that minutes and video-newsletters should be accessible to members: **Luigi has sent a request to John Beck.**

Misc.

Branches have been meeting through phone conferences. Sheena invited to be part of the next one.

Future Meetings items

Regular meeting times

Contents for the front (Eastern region) page on the website.

Who will work on it?

March 24th 4:30 pm, online gathering that will discuss youth involvement, journey towards the 2023 anniversary and more. Our presence there?