

The Way Forward Committee Report

1 September 2021

Discussion of physical space continued from 25 August meeting.

How do we take care of our physical space?

- Cleaning and grounds
 - It's important to have buy in and ownership, so volunteering for maintenance is best but it is easier to hire someone
 - Might be good to use Pendle Hill model – everyone must sign up for some job or project – everyone contributes time – could try a Google doc share
 - Physical work is just as important for the Meeting and community as financial contributions
 - There should be a regular schedule and an expectation the everyone contributes
 - Able bodiness is a concern – a lot falls to a few
- Reserves
 - Define reserve components (ie roof, A/C) so that everyone knows where the reserves are committed to and to show this isn't just a slush fund – it is for real future expenditures
 - Have separate reserve funds for each item – it can be built up over time as needed

Income possibilities?

- Grow membership
 - More members = more donations – but how do we research, identify, and attract them?
 - More outreach with a regular timeframe
- Create financial committee to come up with ideas for generating income
- Ask for donations, legacy planning, recognize donors, transparency
- Are there any COVID funds available for places of worship?
- Some appreciate that our focus has always been on spirituality without pressure on money like some faith groups
- Need to be able to make/take online contributions – more contribution options are good
- Rentals
 - Professionals on a part time basis (need to accommodate AA)
- Shared space with another faith organization
 - Identify, contact, and negotiate
- Concerts, events
 - These are good, but it would be better if they were more regular
- Physical space
 - Are we clinging to the idea of this physical space
 - Should we consider selling it?
 - Need to approach this challenge head on, with 100% transparency, and eyes wide open