

**Sisters Community Labyrinth
Committee Meeting Notes**

July 31, 11:00 p.m.

Location: Offices of SPRD

This meeting was moved from July 25 to July 31 due to schedule conflicts.

Attending: Patricia Leiser, Jan McGowan, Susan Prince, Sharlene Weed

1. Committee membership

Corrie Ortner's resignation from the committee was accepted. Susan Prince was formally elected to the committee.

2. Review of Summer Solstice event and planning for Fall Equinox event

There was agreement that the labyrinth was beautifully decorated and the solstice event was awesome. Thanks to Pat for providing the decorations, and thanks to Susan and Pat for removing them quickly at the request of the Forest Service. The drumming added a lot during the walk and Susan did a fantastic job leading.

The organic nature of the event is desirable and it's up to the person leading to decide how to manage activities. Sharing in the center of the labyrinth helps bond the group, who can look at each other. Susan noted that she wants the process to be collaborative and facilitated versus led.

Ideas for changing the format include prompting people to think of one word about their experience to share at the center, and having a pre-walk presentation to share information about the labyrinth and the event (e.g. technical aspects of the solstice).

For the fall equinox, Susan will ask T to help plan the event (Sept. 23), and Sharlene will help with outreach. Jan and Pat will be out of town. Pat has a basket of fall foliage that could be placed at the entrance and will leave it in her greenhouse, where the stakes purchased by Jan for decorating the labyrinth are also stored.

3. Fundraising plan for 2019

The sale of the land from the Forest Service to the City is pending. Jan inquired with the FS about permission to add a picnic table at the site. We can submit a request but the representative noted it might not be granted due to the pending sale. Jan will draft a letter to the FS to ask about the process for getting permission and also for an update on the status of the sale.

It was decided to defer any fundraising for the picnic table until after our next meeting, tentatively in January 2020. At that time we will also discuss general fundraising, especially through the Friends of the Labyrinth program. The idea of holding a fundraising event at the labyrinth was discussed. Also inviting a speaker such as the one who presented at the Episcopal Church earlier this year, perhaps to do a presentation at SPRD before the event. The four committee members attending each donated \$10 to become members.

Cost of the table will be \$1,500. That includes delivery, but not staining. Other ongoing costs are highway signage fees and the new annual administrative fee to SPRD.

4. Outreach

Sharlene will drop off brochures at SPRD, the Chamber and the Episcopal church. She has a large supply of both one-panel cards and Friends of the Labyrinth brochures, if anyone finds other locations to leave them.

The link from the Labyrinth Committee page on SPRD's website is currently misdirected. Jan will contact Courtney about correcting it. Sharlene will send some photos of the labyrinth and a scan of the brochure to Jan so we can request they get added to the page. It was decided not to create our own website at this time, due to the need to manage and update it. Sharlene will continue to update the labyrinth Facebook page as she is able.

Highway directional signs will be reviewed by committee members as there is concern that they may not be effectively placed.

Sharlene will contact Paul Bertagna at the City to inquire about getting a small directional sign placed near the parking lot. The committee authorized Sharlene to make an expenditure for this purpose. The Committee also formally authorized the ongoing cost of highway signs.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be scheduled for January, 2020.