

Floating Zendo Business Meeting
at 8:15 p.m. on March 6, 2007
at the Friends' Meeting House, 1041 Morse Street, San Jose, CA 95126

Present: Angie, Jane, Wendy, Britt, Emily, Samia, Lorne

Agenda:

1. Financial summary
2. Search for 2008 Sesshin site
3. Spring newsletter
4. Open discussion

1. FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The 2006 net income was \$755.88. On 12/31/06 the bank balance was \$3,136. Net income for 2007 is projected to be -\$308.98. This projection assumes that sesshin will cost the same as in 2006 minus the Tenzo fee. The rate Villa Angelica charges per person is the same.

Floating Zendo neglected to record the purpose of certain sesshin checks, income and expense both.

ACTION ITEM: In 2007 we will keep a separate record for sesshin transactions.

Last year, Floating Zendo overpaid \$185 in rent to the Friends. The agreed rate is \$65 per month plus \$25 for each full-day sit and \$15 for any half-day.

ACTION ITEM: Wendy will contact Amos to clarify whether the Friends now expect the higher rate.

Floating Zendo paid the postage for the 2006 Parinnirvana postcards. Jikoji is to pay this year.

Angie has not yet spent the \$50 advanced her for copy expenses. When she has spent it, she will ask for another \$50 advance.

Emily has generated \$110 for Floating Zendo sewing zafus. This is more than double the expense for the materials.

donna lynn is still planning a proposal for a travel budget for Sensei Angie.

2. SEARCH FOR 2008 SESSHIN SITE

Jane emphasized the need to search for a location for 2008 now because most places will be booked by June 2007.

Floating Zendo requires space for approximately 20 people, 12-14 full-time. We want a place that has space for a zendo separate from the common area.

One hindrance is that corporate status, which Floating Zendo does not have, is often required to rent a venue.

Emily mentioned that she and her family are renovating their place to become a weekend retreat.

3. SPRING NEWSLETTER

The spring newsletter will be the sangha edition. It will contain poems, essays, and drawings from members of the sangha. The newsletter will be published in 3 or 4 weeks, say April 6.

Website Update: Dan, Floating Zendo's webmaster, was not present. However, discussion revealed that Floating Zendo wants to phase out the Yahoo group. We would replicate the best features of the group on our website www.floatingzendo.org.

ACTION ITEM: Jane will talk to Dan to get his thoughts on this change.

4. OPEN DISCUSSION

A Floating Zendo ad appears in the Mercury News community listings.

ACTION ITEM: Look into posting an advertisement in Craigslist's community listings.

Emily suggested that Floating Zendo adopt an emblem to be embroidered onto the zafus she sews. A sangha art contest to choose a design was considered.