

Floating Zendo Business Meeting 16 September 2008 (rev. b)

Present: Russ, Dan, Ritu, Angie, Lorne, Julian, dl, Britt, Wendy, Jane

Ritu – Paypal for Sesshin

Ritu's research was as follows: the money goes to our paypal account which we can transfer to our bank account as we want

Monthly amount we pay paypal is 3% of the money transacted every month plus a monthly fee.

Segaki sit October 28 -

Tuesday closest to Halloween is 28 October

We want the Harmony Hall for that (we need to confirm the date – when can we have Harmony Hall?)

Ritu would like to make an announcement about Segaki asking people to bring a donation of canned good (or other food TBC by Ritu) and Ritu would organize donations to the local foodbank

Request to find a place to accept petfood donations

Wendy will confirm 28 October date with Amos for use of Harmony Hall

Dan can put reminder for event a week and 3 days ahead of time

dl – will write up announcement about Segaki and send it **Britt** to email to all and **Dan** will post to Yahoo and blog

Ino

Volunteer requested for a new Ino as Samia's injury is making it more difficult for her.

Duties – arranges for opener and doan each week, makes announcements on Tuesdays.

We close on our own

Ritu will be Ino

Wendy, Britt, Julian, dl, Angie, and **Jane** all have keys and should send their phone number to Ritu

Beth Goldring visit 7 October

dl will organize the tea for Beth Goldring's visit – 7 October

dl will write and send email announcement of Beth's visit

Harmony Hall has been confirmed by Wendy

Dan will put reminders and additional details of Beth's visit on our website

Website

Dan has confirmed with Yahoo that we will sign up for 3 month increments (instead of old arrangement of 1 month) and in return we get same rate for the website and unlimited disk space.

Floating Zendo logo

We agreed that anyone who is interested can vote on the logo, and not just Officers of FZ.

Details on the vote and the proposal to be announced by **Wendy**

Newsletter

Dan should remove request for sangha input to the newsletter

Wendy and **Carolyn** are working to pull together the newsletter

Treasurer report

Sesshin review – all checks & cash have been received from Dan, our Shika, and are deposited in the account

We received \$3022.00 in registration and \$390.50 in dana. All expenses have been reimbursed. The sesshin ended well in the black.

Sesshin round table

Russ – Jikoji is a positive

Jane – mice were a problem and futon mattress in old Dokusan room was hard. Jikoji is a wonderful place to sit and we should return

Wendy – dl's familiarity with Jikoji was central to things running so smoothly, disappointing there were not more FZ people. We were hurting for doans and dl filled in everywhere for first few days. Jikoji was actively involved and we should examine making it a joint Sesshin in future

Angie – it was beautifully run probably because there are enough of us who know what to do and were working so hard. It was easeful. People arrived on time, nothing was off. Angie was sorry not more FZ people came and that more people did not have that experience. Jikoji is physically a challenge for people like Lorie, and Nancy didn't come for that reason (it is too steep). It is even a stretch for Angie to be running up and down the stairs all day long. Loves how the dorms are set up so well but it is unfortunate it is not more accessible physically so that everyone can come.

Ritu – it went so well because FZ was in charge and the three of us (dl, Ritu, Jane) know our styles so well, so we work well together without talking. It is mostly new people coming to Sesshin every time so it's often the core 3 people who run it. It would be good to have more people learn the roles. I was in the kitchen because I always have an opinion about the food so now I have even more opinions about the food. A really hard part of fukuten's job was keeping the kitchen clean and she did not know it was her job until she got there and she had to chase after people to make sure they did the job. Jikoji let us know the kitchen was left very messy. We can hire someone from Jikoji to do the job at the end of Sesshin.

Dan – prepared 2 handouts with responses from 4 people on the feedback request. "Jikoji is the best" "I am a Jikoji afficianado and I miss the Jikoji rustic form of the past:" "I thought this was well- run, well- organized. I thought the Sesshin was nearly perfect." Cliff found it hard to hear the lectures. Shika lessons learned are outlined in the handout. e.g. Timing of things to be done-- some need to be done very early – meeting with prior 2 or 3 years' Shika's. Dan left everything he used in a "Shika kit" with a disc of lessons learned. Forms should go in the kit too.

dl – Jikoji was thrilled to have us up there. Cliff (long time member & now on Board of Directors) and the board like our schedule, they don't have work periods anymore (other than Soji), liked yoga. No one there from Jikoji for cleanup or orientation. Worked out a way to communicate with Jikoji daily, silently. Would like to have a joint Sesshin – ours

was too close to Denko-e and so they will schedule late Sept so as not to have that conflict. They would like to see us next year, they would like to have us hold one-day sits there.

Issues with Jikoji

mice, ADA(**dl** will work with Jikoji on that), problems with registration, establishing an archive site for Sesshin materials, problems in early planning stage –

Wendy will strike a committee on post mortem of Sesshin and **Dan** will be happy to participate, also **dl**, also **Jane**

Unanimous vote for returning to Jikoji

Fri Aug 7 – Fri 14 2009

Dana for Sensei

dl lead a short but passionate discussion about dana for sensei – that the amount of dana which our sensei received from Sesshin seemed to be low. She reminded the sangha that in the past, any profit we made in Sesshin we used to give to Angie as dana. We did not come to a resolution on the subject but **dl** will draw up a proposal and lead a discussion of it for a future business meeting.