

Minutes of Business Meeting, October 5, 2010

Present: Ritu, dl, Britt, Sallee, Zahida, Russ, Angie, Wendy

Financial Report by Russ

We have a net to date of -\$1,161.82 which is \$500. less than last year. We are keeping expenditures under control. Our average weekly dana of \$99.00 is covering the rent of the Friends' House.

Looking at the report for the Sesshin, we see that the net is \$453.51. All anticipated expenses such as the cleaning deposit, dana for the teacher, and \$500 of scholarships, were met through sesshin registration and dana. The expenditures for Food and Tea Supplies were \$987.84, with over \$200 in expenses for coffee, tea and tea treats. This figure includes most donated food and also coffee and tea, which has not previously been included. (The donated supplies are also included as dana.) donnalynn calculated the cost per day per person was \$7.85 or \$54.00 per week (using an attendance of 18.3). This is close to her projections in setting the fees. It was also suggested to use a Thermos or Hot Pot to cut down on wasted coffee.

Sesshin

Other feedback concerning Sesshin cited the usefulness of the Guidebook, the increased comfort level, and the new form of Oryoki meals in the Zendo. Angie requested that the Guidebook be more available in both hard and soft formats. donnalynn will continue with the current revision and submit it to the webmaster when final. As Tenzo, Britt is inspired to compile a Sesshin Cookbook for future use. The set-up for Oryoki was cumbersome and needs some creative solution for the table eaters. Britt observed that the majority of preparations for Sesshin was done by one person. A discussion followed regarding the recruitment of Shika, Ino and Tenzo and training new volunteers in these roles. Some suggestions were: assigning roles by the teacher (such as Kobun did at Haiku Zendo), encouraging non-attendees to support the sesshin (during set-up and clean-up), and having paid positions. We did have a paid Tenzo in the past, but decided it worked better having a Sangha member. donnalynn emphasized that doing Ino was part of her practice. This year many out-of town retreatants performed in supporting roles such as Doan Ryo and Sogu, which was very helpful.

The only week Jikoji has available next summer is August 19-26, 2011. The Sangha unanimously approved reserving those dates for Sesshin 2011.

Guest Teachers

Wendy suggested setting a minimum dana for guest teachers. This is practiced at other Sanghas where Angie has talked. \$100 seems to be the standard. donnalynn moved and Britt seconded a motion to set a minimum dana of \$100 for guest teachers. The process would be worked out by a committee of the treasurer, coordinator and one other Sangha member. The motion passed.

Succession Planning

Wendy requested current officers of the Floating Zendo inform her of their intentions for 2011. At this time the Study Group Coordinator is open.

Meeting was adjourned.