

April 26, 2011 Business Meeting

In attendance: Angie, donnalynn, Ron, Jeffrey, Samia, Sally, Britt & Wendy

Financial Report: New Item for 2011 was the \$40.00 contributions towards Guest Teachers Dana

Bank Fees (which will be waived)

We have spend down about \$1300 since May 2010.

Wendy announced that previous Treasurer has resigned. Ron inquired about the duties of the Treasurer. Wendy will provide a compete job description to him.

Wendy opened discussion of Dana for Newly ordained priests Rose Brewster and Jane Macdonald. Samia inquired why we have to decide each time, and thus delay the gift. Would a blanket approval be possible? donnalynn proposed and Samia seconded that we give a blanket approval of a gift of \$300. to Rose and Jane and all future priests until the Floating Zendo runs out of money. This motion passed and the acting treasurer (Wendy) will send our support in the form of money to Rose and Jane.

Next to be discussed was the rates for the August sesshin, donnalynn distributed her proposal to keep the rates the same as last year. The week rate in 2010 was \$315, day rate-\$30 and night rate - \$45. This covered \$555. in scholarships, outsourcing the deep cleaning for \$150, all food & miscellaneous expenses, the "dana" we give Jikoji, plus a surplus of \$783.51. A lively discussion of the impact of inflation and gas prices ensued. Jeffrey stated that \$315.00 for 7 days is well below other retreats in the area. donnalynn attributed this bargain to the generous terms that Jikoji gives us---terms that will remain the same. The consensus was to raise the week rate to \$350. and the night rate to \$50. Day rate will remain at \$30. The cost for each person per night stay is based on \$30 for Jikoji fee, \$9 for 3 meals, plus \$7 for misc. and the contribution towards tenzo & sensei's food & lodging = \$46 which is rounded up to \$50. This would allow the Tenzo a comfortable budget and contribute towards a scholarship fund. It was also approved to allocate \$100 of Floating Zendo funds to the Tenzo for supplies. An amendment was subsequently passed by the same Sangha members to only raise the full week rate to **\$325**. This would retain the incentive to attend the whole week, which is a customary policy of the Floating Zendo.

donnalynn announced that the Sesshin Guidebook will soon be published to the website. Anyone interested in working on the sesshin, please let donnalynn know.

Angie requested that Connie Batten be given dana for the use of her ranch on May 14. Wendy assured Angie that any dana collected for the Floating Zendo would go to Connie. The meeting was adjourned.