

Minutes from 9-18-12 Business meeting

In Attendance: Ellie, Jeffrey, Samia, donnalynn, Angie, Wendy

Wendy, acting treasurer, presented the financials for the Sesshin and the Year-to-Date for the Floating Zendo. The sesshin did very well due to low expenses (especially the food expense) and generous dana. Scholarships given were \$33 less than 2011. Attendance was up, averaging 22.75 per day as opposed to 19.5 in 2011. Looking at the whole year, the treasurer reported the bank balance is maintaining a constant level. This is mainly due to the generous dana from sesshin which covered expenses of new priest dana and sesshin scholarships. A suggestion to donate to various Sanghas in our lineage was discussed. While there was some support for the idea, it was decided to hold off on a decision until the year end.

Moving on to the upcoming Segaki observance on Oct. 30, Jeffrey spoke up for the annual food drive. He will publicize the drive and deliver the donations to Second Harvest. Samia agreed to be Kokyo; Ellie will collect names of recently deceased. Anyone can bring refreshments, and donnalynn and Samia will provide some drinks. donnalynn will make sure the chant will be included in our Doan Guidebook.

Angie presented suggestions for outreach through the use of Social Networking sites such as Face book and Meet-up. The idea was well-received but no one volunteered to research or implement. We will present it to the Tuesday night Sangha and request support.

The discussion of programming activities focused on a Study group. Several formats were considered -- from Saturday meetings to a retreat setting. Would they target newcomers or long-time meditators? Samia, Jeffrey, and donnalynn all offered their homes or studio for this event. This idea will be developed by a committee of two: donnalynn and Jeffrey.

donnalynn presented an idea for outreach and one for fundraising. The proposal for printing up some Business Cards (Networking Cards) for the Sangha was quickly approved, at an estimated expense of \$35.97. donnalynn has some design ideas. Next dl advocated for an "Ol' Fashioned Fundraising Letter" sent in the US mail. Would this replace the annual newsletter?, Wendy asked. donnalynn offered to cover all expenses except the postage. It would be an opportunity to update our snail mail list. It was an offer we couldn't refuse and was approved unanimously. donnalynn will work with Ellie on the letter.

This concluded our Business meeting. Financial Reports are available from Wendy upon request.