

Floating Zendo Business Meeting 7/2/2013

Sangha in Attendance: Angie, Jeffrey, Ritu, Britt, Don, Ellie, donnalynn, Wendy

The YTD Financial Report was reviewed. Although our Expenses currently exceed Income (excluding Income from Sesshin registration) by \$489, we have a good cushion from the fundraising last December. The fundraising response was very generous with 36 (out of 150) people donating \$2873.00 to the Sangha.

Ellie reported that the week-to-week Doan & Opener sign-ups are working out so far.

Planning for Sesshin is going smoothly, according to Wendy. Karin Sigmund has accepted the Tenzo role and will join us from Germany. No ceremonies are planned at this time, but you never know. Angie informed us that she will not join us for every sit. With several lay priests in attendance, she should be able to modify her schedule. Of course only Angie will offer Dokusan.

Angie opened the discussion on Outreach with a request to post announcements in the Community Papers. In response to Jeffrey's question about the optimal Sangha size, Angie envisions a core group of 10-15 members. This size would allow for shared responsibilities. donnalynn volunteered to research the community papers. More presence on social media such as face book would also help with Outreach. We are already listed on Yelp. Ritu volunteered to create a face book page and requested photos to post.

Newcomers would appreciate some Introduction to the Soto Zen mode of sitting. This could happen at 6:00 on Tuesday nights. We could rotate the Instructor role every week. Ritu and Angie are willing. More should sign up.

Angie favors additional opportunities for sitting. Could we use the Friend's Meeting Room an additional hour, say at noon – 1pm on a Thursday or Friday? Ellie will check with them to find out. This noon-time sit would not include a service, and the chairs would not need to be re-arranged.

The topic of Social Activities came up, generating much support. Angie would like to have a Pre-Sesshin Picnic on Thursday August 8. This would be attended by some of the Priests in town for the Sesshin. Jeffrey will find out if his house is available on that date.

Ritu requested that sewing be supported more. donnalynn has discussed sewing with Ellen Richter and might be able to convince her to lead a sewing group at Chase studio on occasion.

Finally, donnalynn debuted her latest publication, "The Zen Drawings of Stan White." She sold 3 copies on the spot. They are available on lulu.com/spotlight/soul_expression She will also bring some to Sesshin and other FZ events.

Action Items:

donnalynn: Contact Community Papers, Contact Ellen R.

Jeffrey: Ask wife about 8/8/13 party @ their house

Ellie: Contact Julian/Friends about noon-time sit on Thurs or Fri

Ritu: set-up a face book page for the FZ

All: Volunteer to teach Intro to Meditation on Tuesday night, send Ritu recent FZ photos.