

# 9/3/13 Business Meeting Minutes

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

Treasurer's report on Sesshin: We took in \$5,382.22 including dana -in-kind. Expenses were \$6,213.09 leaving us short by -\$830.87. There were several reasons for this shortfall. The fee calculation was based on attendance of 20 overnight retreatants and we actually averaged 14 overnights. Dana was over \$1000 less than last year. Fortunately, we are able to cover this shortfall of \$830.87 with the reserves in the Sangha's bank account.

Treasurer's report on Sangha: We have spent down \$1531 of our reserves since Year End 2012. The Sesshin shortfall accounts for about half of this, and our usual tight budget accounts for the rest. We have a new expense of \$20+ a month rent for the Friday sits. Weekly dana is holding steady. Our net balance for YTD is -\$1661.70.

## Suggestions for next August Sesshin:

The improved trails at Jikoji plus the electric wheel chair greatly assisted Angie's mobility. The shuttle service was also appreciated by our teacher. Next year Angie would like to adjust her hours so that she has more time to sit zazen with the group. Since the only summer dates available at Jikoji seem to be August, we will request either the 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week of August. This will leave the 2<sup>nd</sup> week open for those who enjoy various music festivals and the 4<sup>th</sup> week open for parents and teachers. Wendy will contact Chris Kolon, the Shika for Jikoji. It was announced that the Sesshin Coordinator role is open and should be filled by the first of the year. Wendy will post a Job Description for this role.

There was some discussion of Angie's needs for Parinirvana sesshin in February 2014, which is managed by Jikoji. donnalynn will contact Jikoji about Angie's needs. It was agreed we would fund the cost of a wheelchair rental.

Segaki planning -Oct 29. The following jobs may need volunteers.

Food drive:

Refreshments: Samia will bring tea pot, Hot Water pot. Wendy will bring teas & honey. Everyone can bring treats for us

Chants-are in the file

Harmony Hall: Ellie will confirm with Julian of the Friends that we have reserved this space

Gathering of Names:

New Year's Eve:

Interest in a 3+ hours sit the night of Dec 31 (Tuesday) was very tentative. This needs to be discussed with others in the Sangha.